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Campaigns come to close

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — With City Council elections pulling into the final stretch, it seems as if the bloodbath some anticipated has been avoided and candidates have kept true to their vows to play nice.

Although the debate over Measure R has produced a furor which well outstrips that surrounding the council elections and the other six city initiatives combined, the race for seats on the city's top governing body has been so polite that those running, with one exception, refrained from even anonymously criticizing their fellow council hopefuls.

The trend marks a direct about-face from the April 1994 elections, when challenger Bruce Mast spent more than \$12,000 on campaign pieces attacking incumbents Elizabeth Baker and Bill Cain. One even went so far as to inappropriately use The Journal's masthead in criticizing Cain, who ended up losing the election.

"A (small) community like this should be able to have a positive campaign," says candidate Jon Ely, who, as a member of the rather vocally disgruntled Citizens for Responsible Government, might have been a prime contender for mud-slinging. "I really appreciate that."

In passing up the opportunity to attack one another, candidates have also passed up what could have been a shrewd political ploy. With a mere four candidates running for three open seats, voters next week will not be choosing so much whom they want to serve but rather whom they do not.

Although Measure R has kept The Journal's phone and fax lines buzzing with allegations ranging from the calmly critical to mean-spirited and even blatantly untrue, the council race has seen candidates quietly state their positions so that the voters might decide for themselves.

The candidates have, however, taken stands which at times broadly differ from one another. In Michael Feiner, who chairs the Planning and Zoning Commission, one

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The top of a utility pole dangled precariously Tuesday after catching fire, a TV news reporter interviewed PG&E representative Diane Sable.

Utility pole catches fire in EC

EL CERRITO — Tuesday's rains started an early morning utility pole fire at Fairmont Avenue and Victoria Street that cut power to about 20 PG&E customers, including Harding School, which had to close for the day. A resident said electricity went off at about 5 a.m.

The fire was started by "water coming into contact with dirt on the equipment," said PG&E

spokesperson Diane Sable. "That creates a pathway for conducting electricity that normally wouldn't be there." She said such problems are not abnormal during the first rain of the season because of accumulated dust that has settled over the summer. Two blocks of Fairmont Avenue were closed to traffic as crews took most of the day to replace the pole.

Plaza plans revisited

By Dawn Frasier

First in a series

EL CERRITO — Three teams hopeful of doing something new at El Cerrito Plaza responded to community and agency input at the Oct. 28 meeting of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency. Only one team had made significant site plan changes in response to input already received, though the others indicated that they would be flexible in planning if chosen as the agency's preferred developer.

The team of Wilton Partners, Terranomics and ELS Architects has been "listening to the city... (residents and staff), reading the material" and has changed its original plan accordingly, Lloyd Goto of Terranomics told agency members.

The development plan still calls for a two-level San Pablo frontage. The lower level would face San Pablo and would include Long's Drugs, a newer and larger Lucky store, and 40,000 square feet of retail. The upper level would house an interior parking lot.

In its most significant change, the plan now calls for about 280,000 square feet in total retail as opposed to 400,000 square feet. There is still room for a large theater, but it was not included in the plan shown Monday night. Without a large theater or "major discounters, like Walmart," it is the development team's opinion that retail space of about 280,000 square feet is the size that can be vital and successful, with little if any vacancy.

In response to community concerns about parking, architect Don Logan said that the new plan, calling for 550 parking spaces on the San Pablo side plus the interior parking lot, will provide enough parking for all retail shoppers — "a perfect match," without the need for a formal parking structure.

Logan compared the size of the interior parking court to UC Berkeley's Sproul Plaza.

Originally, a staircase led from the lower front level to the interior grouping of shops and restaurants. Now a road

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Measure H a heated debate in EC

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Police chief Steve Cutright has been quoted frequently in opposition arguments to Measure H on next week's ballot. The ballot measure calls for an annual \$125 residential assessment as part of a new Fire Benefit Assessment District.

The El Cerrito City Council set the \$125 figure after receiving a recommendation for establishment of the district at a \$75 level from a citizen task force. Some residents believe Cutright advised the task force that a \$75 figure had the best chance of obtaining voter approval.

Earlier this week, Cutright addressed that conception.

Cutright served as the staff person liaison to the "report-writing" committee of the task force.

"They were going over all the options for the possibilities of replacing lost (city) revenues and what instru-

ments they would consider using," he said. "At some point in the wide-range discussion of dollar amounts, (there was) discussion in some detail as to what a Fire Benefit Assessment District would look like and some playing around with the dollars in that one."

It was then, he said, that he felt he had some helpful information to contribute. The municipal engineer that worked as a consultant to the city on the establishment of such a district had told Cutright that "statewide in California, \$75 seems to be the threshold above which communities find it difficult to pass an assessment."

As Cutright recalls, this was the first pinpointing of \$75 as a possible figure; it became a central focus for discussion.

He also shared more information from the consultant, he said, including the fact that "Sacramento had just passed an assessment for \$100, and

several cities in southern California had gone for \$130."

The \$75 figure, however, is considered the general "threshold they look at given modern times."

"I said, 'As your staff person sitting here, I think this is information you should have. You need to consider everything,'" he said. "You need to make a judgement as to what El Cerrito is going to go for."

Cutright said he also pointed out that El Cerrito has a history of being able to raise local revenues for various purposes. The \$75 is just one of those statistical averages out there.

"Then I shut up."

Cutright said some members asked if he was recommending that figure. As a staff person, he would not recommend anything. In subsequent discussion, he said, that urging for a recommendation continued.

"During the subsequent discus-

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Kim Denton and Tony Caine squared off at their debate

Candidates differ on city treasurer's role

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — It is a tale of two treasurers, although after next week's election is over and the votes have been counted, only one will look back and say these days of autumn have been the best of times.

Voters desiring yet another chance to make their voice heard need look no further than the race for city treasurer, which will be contested for the first time since the early 1980s and, if

Measure N passes, may never be contested again. While the race for City Council has been as polite as an afternoon tea party, the treasurer's contest has seen challenger Tony Caine take the offensive against incumbent Kim Denton for the only paying city position up for grabs in the Nov. 5 election.

With a salary of approximately \$23,000 a year plus benefits for 15 hours per week, the treasurer sets no policy, makes few financial decisions

and acts as a sort of watchdog over city finances. It is by far the most low-key of Albany's elected offices, with no supervision within City Hall and few opportunities to interact with the voters, who, under the current system, are the only group capable of deciding who fills the position.

While Denton has relied on her rather controversy-free record and her years of bookkeeping experience, Caine has taken a look at the position and found significant room for change. A semi-retired computer consultant and chair of the Charter Review Committee, Caine advocates a greater interaction between the treasurer and Albany voters, a possible scaling back of the hours for which the city is billed, and has volunteered his expertise in upgrading the city's computer systems.

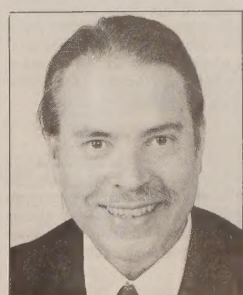
"Anyone capable of balancing their checkbook is capable of doing the City Treasurer's job," says Caine. While, ironically enough, he is a strong advocate of making the position he hopes to win next week an appointed one, Caine seems to have taken the current race quite seriously and promises a newer, more visible treasurer if he is elected.

Caine says he first decided to run because the office had not been con-

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Miriam Hawley



David Tam



Harvey Thompson

Bus service advocates run for board

By Marc Breindel

While no AC Transit candidate claims to know how to avoid further service cuts, all three Ward 1 candidates say they can save the buses from extinction.

The local candidates generally agree that AC Transit cannot look to

taxpayers to help overcome the \$20 million deficit expected by the year 2000. The question is, where else can the money come from?

Miriam Hawley

Miriam Hawley, 68, a retired transportation consultant, considers cooperation key to solving many of the Bay Area's transportation problems. She favors more communication between all of AC Transit's constituent groups to determine the region's most vital transit needs.

Schools could help AC Transit maintain service as well, Hawley believes. "AC Transit is the school bus for many kids," Hawley said.

Hawley therefore considers schools a "natural constituency" to lobby for more public funding for

mass transportation.

Because women often take responsibility for getting children to school, Hawley sees them as primary supporters of AC Transit as well. That's true not only for bus users, Hawley said, but also for women whose children count on AC Transit.

"Even women who take their cars to work can't be in two places at once," Hawley said. "That goes for men who are parents, too."

Churches are another source of political support, according to Hawley.

"I believe we have to get the message out to all AC's constituents," Hawley said, "and build a constituency that can have some effective clout in the legislature."

Once local area in which Hawley

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Improved curriculum key for Cain

By Peggy Thow

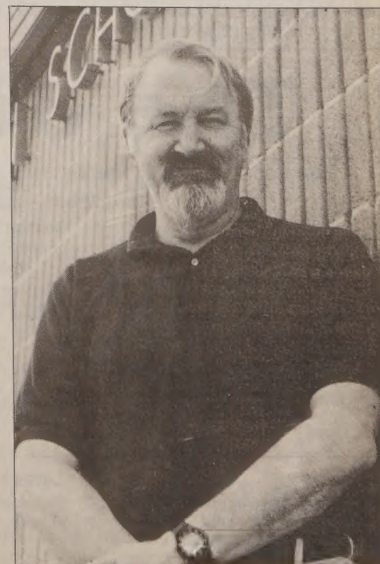
ALBANY — Living here for 28 years has given school board candidate Bill Cain a sense of the long-term as well as the short-term benefits of a good school system. Sitting in his rather sparsely furnished living room, in a house that borders the Marin School playground, Cain talks about improving the schools of this town where he has been both city council member and mayor.

"The business of the Board of Education is not construction," he says. "Facilities planning is important, but it's largely details. Big details — but details. The business of the Board of Education is preparing kids for the next century."

A structural engineer for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, Cain understands the community's concern about safe school buildings. As a candidate, he brings a unique perspective to the question — he professionally examined the school buildings for seismic problems after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

"I assessed damaged," he is careful to say. "That's not the same as evaluating future risks. Seismic risk studies have been delayed too long, and should be completed immediately. Without that information, no one can effectively determine what should be done."

However, despite his professional background, Cain thinks the School Board should focus less on facilities and more on kids. "Albany schools have a good reputation, but it's growing frayed around the edges," he says. "I want us to keep the reputation we've earned. To do that,



School board candidate Bill Cain

Chester King Vega

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■ Letters to the Editor

Measure R misleads voters

Editor:

I find the survey on Albany's combined hillside, baseball and creek assessment tax misleading when used to suggest support of the actual wording of Measure R. The survey asked if people would support \$69 for 20 years. However, as there is no sunset clause in Measure R, the tax would basically be permanent. The cost of \$69 for 20 years, at the prime rate (8.25 percent), is \$665. The cost of a \$69 annuity is \$836. The difference of \$171 is an increase of over 25 percent from what is implied in the survey.

Some people surveyed, myself for one, thought that the new playing fields would be located in Albany. There was no mention of locating them in Berkeley or elsewhere outside Albany. There is a large difference between a playing field that children can walk to and one whose distance requires a car to be accessible.

Of course, reading Measure R reveals that there is no requirement that any money be spent on acquiring a new soccer field. All of the money can legally be spent just on ballpark maintenance! Technically, not bait and switch, perhaps, but I prefer a guarantee of new playing fields for my money.

Disappointment grows with a look at the Engineer's Report. There are no estimates of the cost of acquiring land for a soccer or a ball field, no estimates of the cost of landscaping, fencing or maintaining such fields, no estimates of the cost of putting in parking so that Albany residents can drive to the distant locations in Berkeley or out beyond the race track. Instead, only the annual revenue from the tax is presented. There is no way of telling if this amount would be sufficient to purchase one playing field and maintain it.

Finally, lumping the three assessments together is a cheap trick. The council basically demands that if I support one assessment, I must buy all three. This is similar to a tie-in sale where in order to buy a nice sport jacket that fits, I must also buy two pairs of polyester, plaid trousers. That, sadly, this trick seems to work is evident in the survey where 26 percent opposed the hillside tax, but only 16 percent opposed the whole Measure R package, which includes the hillside tax.

I urge Albany to vote "No" on Measure R. Vote "no" to voter manipulation, vote "no" to open-ended taxes, vote "no" to what is, essentially, bait and switch.

Glen Elder
Albany

Measures would maintain city services

Editor:

We are the parents of three young children and are homeowners in El Cerrito. Our family plays in the parks here. We swim here, and participate in city-organized sports programs. We shop here, visit the library regularly, attend the annual Easter Egg hunt and other city-sponsored events, belong to local clubs, and hike in our natural areas.

So much of our lives are spent HERE in El Cerrito, that a large measure of the quality of our lives is dependent on the vitality of our city. Yet the fiscal health of our city is being undermined on several fronts.

We are going to vote "Yes" on Measures G and H on Nov. 5 because we are quite concerned about the ability of El Cerrito to continue to provide the services we need as well as the services we enjoy, given recent state property tax "grabs," recent court decisions on the validity of certain local taxes, and compounded by a big reduction in the sales tax increment collected by the city because of the closure of the Emporium.

Although our property taxes are based on a post-Prop. 13 assessment, we feel the benefits of this tax will be so significant to us LOCALLY that we must support it. My husband, Paul, grew up in El Cerrito, and we hope to rear our children here. El Cerrito is a great community.

Please help maintain this great community and join us in supporting Measures G and H.

Julie Rogers
El Cerrito

Willing to invest in measure's promise

Editor:

I am writing to support Measure R — Albany's open-space measure. I believe that restoring creeks, making creekside paths, keeping Albany Hill green and having more playing fields is investing in the future of Albany. I want to live in a greener Albany and I think that the \$69 per year in property taxes will be more than paid back by the increased property values that come with a more attractive and kid-friendly town.

Michelle Jordan
Albany

El Cerrito measures too vague

Editor:

Residents and business owners are being asked to support Measure H, under the guise that it will "save our services." However, the measure and its proponents do little to state which services it will "save."

Packaged as a "fire assessment," ironically, not one dollar from Measure H will go to increase fire protection. (Or, to increase police protection, for that matter.) I've seen city documents that list things like auxiliary staff positions and capital budget items (a new City Hall, for example). But, I don't think it's honest to pay for these

"wish list" items with a fire assessment.

Proponents also claim that Measure H will "stabilize" city finances. Apparently, some form of stability is needed for a city that actually increased its financial reserves this year. The "sky is falling" rhetoric that's been used repeatedly by city officials, council members and proponents — that the state will come to take away more money from the city — falls in the face of recent revelations that the state has about a \$3 billion surplus, as well.

Lastly, Measure H is bad for business. Business owners will have to pay several hundred dollars more than the average citizen — for no increase in service! This sets a poor tone for the current business climate in El Cerrito and establishes a bad omen for any positive redevelopment we might want in the future.

If you really want to increase fire protection service, why not donate whatever you can comfortably afford to the Fire Department directly? The money will go directly to help them serve us. But, if you want a more responsible city government, vote "No" on Measure H — it doesn't increase fire protection at all.

Grant Ricketts
El Cerrito

League supports Measure R

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky and the Albany City Council:

The Board of Directors of the Albany Little League, on Oct. 19, voted to ratify the League's endorsement of Measure R previously communicated to you by our President, David McGinnis.

Robert Whelan, Secretary,
Albany Little League

Don't concentrate power at City Hall

Editor:

We urge Albany residents to vote "No" on Measures L, M, and N. These three important ballot measures have received little fanfare but would dramatically change City Hall if they are approved. A small group of people want to concentrate power at City Hall. To do this they have to do away with our elected city treasurer, city attorney, and city police chief.

Albany has always had an elected city treasurer, city attorney, and city police chief. This system has worked for over 60 years. This system provides you, the voter, with a greater say at City Hall. It is no coincidence that Albany has excellent office holders in these positions. Historically, these elected office holders have cared about Albany, have performed their job duties well, and have represented the interests of all of Albany's citizens.

No examples of poor job performance by our elected officials has been provided by the proponents of these measures to justify making these positions appointed. Do you want an appointed city administrator to have exclusive control over these office holders? Do you want the City Council to be able to fire these important office holders if they don't march in lock-step to the City Council's demands?

These office holders provide a valuable check and balance at City Hall. These same office holders provide Albany residents with a greater voice in City Hall decisions, decisions that directly impact you. Voters should not be fooled by politicians who put these measures on the ballot to ensure control. Don't give up your right to vote! Vote "No" on Measures L, M, and N.

Robert Luoma, Dave Greer, Jennifer L. Adams,
Leon Rimov
Albany

Support for AC Transit measure

Editor:

I strongly urge all voters in the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (from El Sobrante south to Fremont, with 230,000 daily riders) to vote "Yes" on Measure JJ on Nov. 5. Measure JJ proceeds will fund very focused steps to improve service reliability and insure a continuation of AC Transit's good record of passenger security and safety, such as:

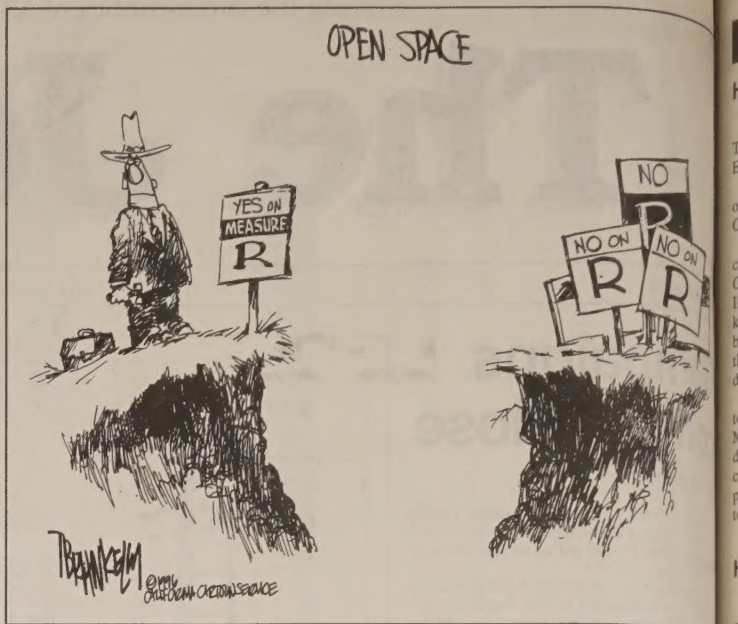
- Deputy sheriffs on more bus routes;
- Graffiti abatement program, including new bus security camera systems, and prompt clean-up and repair of vandalism;
- Service reliability improvements, including more dependable schedules and reduction of overcrowding on buses;
- Added adult monitors on school routes;
- Bus stop security improvements, such as improved lighting;
- Community/classroom education programs and other projects.

This effective package of programs can be launched for a very modest parcel tax equivalent to less than the price of one small pizza per year (\$8.50 per year, for six years only)!

Measure JJ is only one part of a multi-faceted effort by the district and its supporters to cope with deep cutbacks in federal support for transit, combined with costly new unfunded mandates.

Bear in mind that the current Congress has cut AC's operating aid by 40 percent, while it maintained (and even increased) huge subsidies for highway and air transportation. This hostile stance toward urban transit is

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■ Police Reports

Albany police nab thief, second suspect flees

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the afternoon of Oct. 22 Albany officers responded to reports of a robbery that had just taken place at a sports store on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers found that the store owner had followed the thief out of the store to a waiting taxi and had detained the thief. The stolen property, a silver and black Raiders football jersey, was recovered and the thief arrested. An accomplice was able to escape before officers arrived.

On the evening of Oct. 20 Albany officers observed a transient man known to have outstanding warrants: A no bail warrant from Berkeley for arson and a battery and failure to appear from Albany. He was contacted and arrested.

On the night of Oct. 21 a woman reported that her car had been broken into while parked in a lot on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses and it was not known at the time of the report what was taken.

On the evening of Oct. 21 an Albany resident reported that about 15 prior, thieves had stolen his brown Badlands Fs Elite, 21 speed bike while it was parked outside the Safeway Store on Solano Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Oct. 21 Albany police and firefighters responded to reports of a fire near the Albany exit of westbound I-80. They found a grass fire and extinguished

it. There were several flare-ups that were also extinguished. It is unknown how the fire started.

At about 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 22 Albany officers contacted and questioned a boy riding a bike. He gave false information to officers but they were able to learn that he was from San Francisco. He was arrested for giving false information, cited and released to his parents.

At about 1 a.m. on Oct. 23 officers contacted the driver of a green van parked on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. They found an Oakland man who had warrants in the amount of \$3,000 from Alameda County for disturbing the peace and a No Bail warrant for parole violations. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

On the evening of Oct. 23 a resident on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue found her garage door open, the lights on and her bikes gone. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Oct. 23 a resident on the 800 block of Curtis Street reported that during the previous night vandals had broken out the rear window of her 1986 Toyota. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Oct. 24 the owner of a dog grooming business on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue reported that two men entered her shop, stole cash from the register and departed in a copper colored 1985 Cadillac. Police are investigating.

Just after midnight on Oct. 26

Unidentified man grabs woman in El Cerrito

two mailboxes in the 1100 block of Arlington Boulevard between Oct. 19 and 20. In one case, the material was recovered. Mail was also reported stolen from a newspaper box in the 1600 block of Arlington Boulevard (time unknown).

A San Pablo man and a Lathrop woman were arrested for driving under the influence and possession of methamphetamines. The first arrest was made at San Pablo and Fairmount at 10:45 p.m. Oct. 21, the second at San Pablo and Central at 4 a.m. Oct. 23.

A Rodeo man was arrested at 3:28 a.m. Oct. 23 for driving under the influence, possession of methamphetamines and marijuana, and driving with a suspended license. The arrest was made at South 56th Street and Madison.

A Richmond woman was arrested for possession of methamphetamines and driving with a suspended license at Moeser and Elm at 2:22 a.m. Oct. 16.

Also arrested for driving under the influence were: a Richmond woman at Carlson at Central (2:10 a.m., Oct. 23); a Berkeley man at San Pablo and Fresno (12:34 a.m., Oct. 22); a Richmond man at Potrero and South 56th Street (2:20 a.m., Oct. 19); a Richmond man at Potrero and South 56th Street (3:42 a.m., Oct. 20); an Oakland man at Potrero and San Pablo Avenue (2:15 a.m., Oct. 19); a Vacaville man at Eureka and San Pablo Avenue (2 a.m., Oct. 22), and a Richmond man on San Pablo Avenue between Garfield and Fairmount (Oct. 22).

An Oakland man and woman were arrested after a traffic stop at Carlson and South 55th Street in Richmond for possession of a cloned cel-

lular phone. The incident occurred at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 19.

An Oakland male juvenile was arrested after he gave a false name to the officer following a vehicle stop at San Pablo and Portola Oct. 23 at 12:13 a.m.

A bike was reported stolen from the front of Jack in the Box, 5900 Col Blvd., at about 7:40 p.m. Oct. 23.

A car phone was reported stolen from a 1993 GMC van after someone attempted unsuccessfully to leave the vehicle overnight on Oct. 18. The van was parked in the 800 block of Liberty.

A car was ransacked in the 1000 block of Liberty between Oct. 19 and 20. Nothing was reported stolen.

A stereo, CDs and gym bag were taken from a vehicle parked at a car wash and Ashbury during the hours Oct. 18. A cellular phone was taken from a vehicle parked at the 10500 block of San Pablo Avenue during the morning of Oct. 21.

Someone shattered a vehicle window in the 700 block of Albany during the night of Oct. 20. Car windows were also reported broken in the 500 block of Norvell between Oct. 21 and 22 and the 10500 block of San Pablo Avenue between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 22.

Someone marked a fire escape with a black marker at Seaview and Norvell on the afternoon of Oct. 17. The same afternoon, a car was damaged in the Safeway parking lot when someone threw a baseball at it.

Four incidents of domestic violence were reported.

Shoplifters were arrested at a traffic stop at Carlson and South 55th Street in Richmond (a Richmond man and a Richmond woman) and at Safeway (a Richmond man).

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Halloween at the library

EL CERRITO — A Halloween Treasure Hunt is underway at the El Cerrito Library.

Participants will answer a set of questions by using the Kids' Catalogue and win an eraser. Children and adults are welcome to join this game through Oct. 31 at the El Cerrito Library. If you don't know how to use the kids' computer catalogue, the librarians are there to help. For further information, call the libraries during open hours.

El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., phone 526-7512, is open Monday, 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Holiday fundraiser

EL CERRITO — Friends and members of the Richmond/El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) are invited to attend their Educational Foundation holiday fund-raising Theatre Party on Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$20 for the 2 p.m. matinee of *Murder by the Book* which will immediately be followed by a finger food buffet supper for an additional \$6. Call 528-0220 for tickets or additional information.

Teachers meeting set

WEST COUNTY — The November meeting of West Contra Costa Division 58 of the California Retired Teachers Association will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 32nd and Barrett Avenue, Richmond.

The luncheon at noon will be followed by speaker Sheila McAlinden, Life Span Senior Services Coordinator, Alta Bates Hospital Outreach Program.

Her topic is "Update and Trouble-Shooting Your HMO." For reservations call 234-3046.



Girl scout trip gets the grand tour

Parking enforcement officer Karen Hosey and Reserve Sgt. Michael Shaheen gave members of the Girl Scout's Swan Daisy Troop of El Cerrito an informative tour of the Albany Police Station last week. Troop members from left are Chrissy Hattam, Emily Calbreath-Frasieur, Susan Niccolis, Sarah Niccolis, Junlie Brandon and Caressa Yearby.

New Lucky store proposed in EC

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — American Stores/Lucky has submitted a proposal to build a 60,000 square foot store at the Winston Tire site. The property is located at the northern border of El Cerrito; the new store would replace the Lucky that currently stands adjacent to the site in Richmond.

Bruce Qualls of American Stores told members of the Redevelopment Agency Board Monday night that the current store is about 33,000 square feet in size. The newer version, he said, will be "today's size." The current building is to be kept in use while construction is going on. When the new store is finished, the old one will be razed, to make room for parking.

The main access to the store will continue to be from Macdonald Avenue, though cars can turn right onto the property from San Pablo Avenue when travelling northbound. (One resident also asked if

there might be some faster access from the east, rather than "driving all the way along Key to Macdonald.")

Twice before, in 1987 and in 1994, the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency has issued Requests for Proposals for the property, which was declared "non-conforming" to the city's Redevelopment Plan in 1987.

"Neither time did negotiations materialize into a development," redevelopment manager Elisa Tierney told board members. Tierney also explained what the upcoming process will be.

Staff must notify other property owners that a plan for development has been proposed (Lucky also has some owner-participant status); if any owners respond, a formal Request for Proposals must be issued to which any interested developer may respond.

If no property owner chooses to make a proposal, an RFP need not be issued. Staff can be authorized to

begin working out an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with Lucky for Agency approval.

Tierney pointed to three issues staff would pursue if that were the case: the Agency's role in acquisition of the property, jurisdictional issues with the city of Richmond, and relocation of Baxter Creek.

Qualls directly addressed restoration of the creek, which has been a matter of strong community interest whenever any development has been proposed for the area. Because the creek runs "smack dab in the middle of (the area that) could be developed," Qualls said creek renovation and creation of an accompanying park (as residents have requested) has been a difficult concept for developers.

Even Lucky developers tried to avoid the issue, he admitted. Continuing discussions increased the team's interest. Lucky is now committed to its proposal, he said—to reroute the creek, then to create

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Albany delays OK on newsrack ordinance

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The City Council last week took a peek at a newsrack ordinance which would charge news agencies \$10 per rack per year and, amid vigorous complaints from a handful of news agency representatives, sent it back to staff for further review.

The \$10-per-rack charge is only one part of an ordinance which would regulate both the placement and design of newsracks on city streets. While the agencies seemed to grudgingly accept staff recommendations for modular newsracks, which would be bolted to the ground, the fee drew cries of First Amendment violations and fears the charge might be instituted by cities around the Bay Area.

Representatives from the *San Francisco Chronicle/Examiner*, the *Oakland Tribune* and the *Daily Californian*, among others, found their way into council chambers last week to protest the fee, which staff said would help offset the cost of processing encroachment permits.

Although Councilmember Elizabeth Baker said she would vote in favor of the charge and City Attorney Robert Zweben said it would stand up in court, the remaining three council members present seemed less willing and sent the ordinance back to staff to be reworked.

The ordinance stems from concerns about the racks cluttering and obstructing sidewalks, and gives the city power to regulate where newsracks are placed. Although the new, modular racks will cost news agencies a pretty penny in themselves, the greatest furor during the half-hour hearing resulted from the \$10-per-year encroachment fee.

Among those speaking against the fee was Susan Unzicker, circulation coordinator for the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, who, like other representatives, called it a First Amendment issue. Unzicker pointed to Montclair, where agencies have essentially regulated themselves and where no fee is charged, as a wiser example to follow.

"Our livelihood is at stake," she

said, adding that the modular newsracks would already cost her publication several hundred dollars a pop.

Perhaps the hardest-hit publication will be the non-profit *Daily Californian*, which, according to General Manager Lori O'Neill, has approximately 15 racks in Albany. O'Neill said her paper is already scrambling to deal with a similar ordinance in Berkeley which mandates new racks, and that the cost of the new racks will most likely result in a decrease in Albany circulation.

"(The larger papers) have some resources behind them," O'Neill said. We just don't have that."

While Baker said she thought it was fine to charge the fee, other council members were not so sure. Councilmember Bruce Mast said his gut response was to get rid of the fee, and asked for more information on how the city would regulate placement of the racks.

Only three audience members spoke at the hearing, which was conducted while city staff tallied the final batch of protests against the Measure R assessment district. Albany resident Evan Flavell came out in favor, while Jerome Blank and Ray Anderson were opposed.

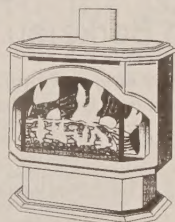
"We're happy to just take direction if that's what the council desires," said City Administrator Daren Fields prior to the ordinance being sent down to staff once again. "I don't know that we have such a hard and fast attachment to the fee."

According to Community Development Director Bill Ekern, the fee would do little to offset the approximately \$50-\$60 worth of staff time required to process each permit.

The ordinance would also regulate the number of newsracks at any one location, require permission from the business nearest to the rack and allow the city to confiscate any newsrack not kept in good condition. Newspapers with a daily circulation would be given priority over those published on a weekly basis in assigning where the racks will be placed.

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Letters

matched by the state and by inequitable funding allocations by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Please vote "Yes" on JJ!

Raymond Ahearn
El Cerrito

Measure offers protection

Editor:

Citizens for the Eastshore State Park voted unanimously to support Measure R at its Oct. 2 board meeting. As a CESP Board member and Albany citizen, I urge all Albany voters to vote "Yes" on this strong, well-thought out, environmental measure.

Measure R will generate funding to purchase the undeveloped woodlands on Albany Hill, restore Albany's creeks, and provide for new youth athletic fields.

Citizens for the Eastshore State Park is particularly interested in the Albany Hill and creek restoration aspects of Measure R.

Albany Hill is clearly visible from the entire length of the planned Eastshore State Park, which will hug the shoreline of San Francisco Bay from the Bay Bridge to Richmond.

The green forest of Albany Hill makes for an excellent visual backdrop and greatly enhances the experience of walking along the East Bay shoreline.

Measure R is the only hope on the horizon for saving the scenic woodlands of Albany Hill which are also an important habitat area for the monarch butterfly and other species.

Creek restoration, too, is important to the Eastshore State Park. Albany's five creeks — all discharge into San Francisco Bay along the shoreline of the Eastshore State Park.

Unfortunately, these creeks now carry urban storm water runoff pollution into San Francisco Bay.

Albany's storm drains are connected directly to our creeks, so the creeks convey pollutants to the bay. The gravel and soil creekbeds and the vegetated banks of creeks trap and biodegrade pollutants, recycling them through biological processes. This is nature's protective filter for San Francisco Bay.

But most of our creeks have been removed from their natural beds and

placed in sterile concrete culverts, so they can no longer function as effective filters.

More than half of the pollution in San Francisco Bay comes from storm water runoff. Restoring our creeks to natural channels will reduce runoff pollution and make for a cleaner, healthier bay.

The Albany Mudflat is one of the most important bird habitats in the East Bay. Currently, Codornices Creek discharges polluted storm water directly into the Albany Mudflat.

With Measure R in place the Eastshore State Park and all of the East Bay will benefit from the preservation of scenic Albany Hill and from cleaner water in San Francisco Bay.

Steve Granholm, Ph.D.,
Wildlife biologist
Board member, Citizens for the
Eastshore State Park
Albany resident

Club endorses measure

Editor:

The Sierra Club urges all voters to vote "Yes" on Albany Measure R. Without Measure R the City of Albany will not be able to save the scenic woodland area of Albany Hill that is now threatened with development.

The Sierra Club has long supported the acquisition of the undeveloped portions of Albany Hill as a park and preserve. Anyone who has been to the hill when the monarch butterflies rest there know how wonderful it is and how important it is to save it for our children. Measure R provides the funds to save the hill.

Measure R also funds restoration of Albany creeks. EPA considers creek restoration a "Best Management Practice" for eliminating pollutants from the water. Creek restoration will not only enhance Albany's ambience, but save the city money on meeting water pollution control requirements set by the Clean Water Act. Creek restoration is good for the environment and saves the city money. Measure R is the only way the city can have the funds to make restoration possible.

The opponents of Measure R have raised phony issues. Many of these people are the very same persons

who supported Santa Fe when it wanted to turn Albany's and Berkeley's waterfront into a massive "Manhattan-by-the-Bay." They have even stated that they don't understand why open space on Albany Hill is so important!

Please join with Sierra Club and save the bay and vote "Yes" on Measure R. Your individual vote for Measure R will be the strongest statement you can make for environmental protection in this election.

Norman La Force, Chair,
Sierra Club East Bay
Public Lands Committee
El Cerrito

Objects to assessment

Editor:

With Measure H, the El Cerrito City Council suffers yet another widening gap in its credibility with the voters. The council appointed a citizen task force to study the city finances and services, evaluate them and report back to it with its recommendations. Among them was the proposal of an annual \$75 assessment for single-family residences.

However, the council saw fit to override its own task force's recommendations and increased the assessment from \$75 to \$125. This, together with Measure G's levy of \$72, will cost the taxpayers an annual increase of \$197.

Not content with the use of scare-tactic slogans like "Save Our Services," proponents of Measure H manage to sidestep several issues of vital importance to the taxpayers. Measure H is tied to the CPI, which will of course guarantee an upward rise in the assessment over the years. To add insult to injury, Measure H contains no sunset clause.

Only an arrogant and over-reaching council would dare burden its citizenry with an unheard-of automatic inflation increment and no sunset clause. Judging from the sorry performance of this council over the last five years, and its contemptuous regard for its citizens' tax dollars, I believe the only thing that Measure H would accomplish would be to place more general fund monies in an

irresponsible council's hands to spend at their own whim.

Measure H deserves a resounding defeat. The voters should send it back to the council for revision in a manner that will show some reasonable and responsible consideration for the taxpayers.

William P. Olivito
El Cerrito

Wants appointee protection

Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed Phyllis Lyon's Oct. 10 column. As one of the dismissed appointees and initiative volunteers, I need to point out that Measure Q (the Citizens' Appointee Protection Initiative) does not create new rules for advisory members. What it does is simply update our existing appointment rule to include all volunteers and then relocates it to the Charter, where it cannot be circumvented by the council. The Charter itself has internal inconsistencies in regard to appointments, as does our City Ordinance, and no one has ever bothered to clean house.

Our existing City Ordinance 2-1.2 has only one removal provision for appointees, and that is "for cause." Legally, this is understood to mean "a cause related to the performance of one's duties."

This ordinance, in conformance with state code, was adopted in 1975 after a council member tried to dismiss a planning and zoning commissioner in 1974 (R. Clarke vs. Mayor J. Carlevaro, 1974). The appellate case established in Albany that volunteers cannot be removed without justification because Government Code Section 1301 explicitly states that appointees (with fixed terms) can only be removed for cause. "A similar unjustified dismissal case in Berkeley (F. Collignon vs. City of Berkeley, 1981) was decided in favor of the volunteer, citing this same government code section.

Dismissal "for cause" is a fundamental legal principle and most municipalities — implicitly or explicitly — conform to it. However, in 1995, Albany's City Attorney failed to do his homework when he erroneously determined that the council could do

whatever it wished with its volunteers.

In order to rectify the situation, citizens had no alternative but to propose a charter amendment because appointment rules already existed in the Charter from 1952. They proposed merely updating the local ordinance to clarify appointment rules. This ordinance conforms to state law. In retaliation, the council offered a terrible, new rule for volunteers. Their Measure O requires volunteers to "serve at the pleasure of the council." It allows any council member to dismiss any volunteer at any time for any reason. The rule has no precedent in Albany. Furthermore, the council's measure may cause extensive litigation. What city authorities unfortunately forgot is that "for cause" dismissals don't cause lawsuits; unfair treatment does.

Jerri Holan, member,
Albany Waterfront Committee

What is Good for?

Editor:

Regarding your article about Albany Councilmember Robert Good, our own "Dr. No." Interesting that he is characterized by all the things he has voted against. One might ask what he actually stands FOR. Well, I know that he voted FOR the cardroom (that's O.K. by me); and he voted FOR the formation of the ill-conceived, three-in-one, undefined plan to increase our taxes by buying more land on Albany Hill and doing a creek thing (with Berkeley and El Cerrito creeks) and looking for maybe some playing fields because people will go for this part (and that's not O.K. by me).

Those are the only two things I know of that the guy has ever voted FOR, and I don't know why I would vote for him to continue on the council for another term.

Also I support Measures L and N, which will make the offices of Police Chief, City Attorney and City Treasurer appointed instead of elected.

As a former City Treasurer and a longtime municipal government employee in three other cities, I believe that these positions should be occupied by people trained in those pro-

fessions and who have proven records. They should be screened before taking office and be chosen on the basis of professional and/or political expertise and training.

I was elected to the position of City Treasurer in 1976, and I know that ANYONE can get into money and manipulations and duties of their ability to perform the duties of the office.

I can't understand why we continue to elect these offices, especially when we look at the past elections when no one has run against incumbents and we haven't even had a choice. I urge a "yes" vote on Measures L, M and N.

Ellen Davis-Zapata
Albany

League stands by endorsement

Editor:

We understand that some information has been circulated about the League's stand on Measure R on the November ballot. We have not withdrawn or qualified our endorsement of the measure and are not considering doing so.

As we have previously said, the League's endorsement is based on positions that support conservation and preservation of San Francisco Bay, for which creek restoration is important, and measures that create adequate parks and open space.

Anne Henderson, President
League of Women Voters
Berkeley, Albany & Emeryville

Urges defeat of measure

Editor:

El Cerrito residents should vote "No" for Measure H. Measure should be defeated, not so much whether or not additional funding is needed for fire suppression, but force honesty and accountability in the use of property tax monies.

See LETTERS, page 5

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Measures
G and H.

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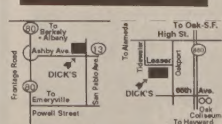
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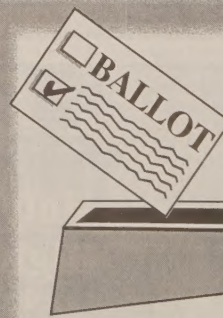
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Obituaries

Stephanie Long

Stephanie Long lived in Albany from 1972 until her sudden and unexpected death from natural causes on Oct. 8. She was 51. She is survived by her two children, Moira Long, 20, of Housatonic, and Tony Long, 16. She is survived by her mother, Catherine Esch, of Carpinteria, Calif., and her three sisters, Julie Esch, Shireen Villa and Earlene de Moulpied, who also reside in Southern California.

Stephanie was widely known in the community for her volunteer work with a variety of causes and organizations, including the Berkeley-Albany YMCA, where she served on the Board of Directors, and the City of Albany Park and Recreation Commission, where she served as a committee member.

Ms. Long also served as committee member, Charter Review, City of Albany, and as President, Albany Preschool, as well as a counselor in the Junior Achievement program. She was campaign

manager for Bill Johns in his winning race for Albany City Council.

In addition to her family and community activities, Stephanie Long was wellknown in the Bay Area telecommunications industry, and was a long-time member of the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Chapter of Women in Telecommunications. At the time of her death she was employed by MFS Intellinet, an independent supplier of local and long-distance telephone services, primarily to businesses. Her career in Bay Area telecommunications spanned more than 30 years, beginning with Pacific Bell in 1964.

To her many friends and neighbors, Stephanie Long was known as an always cheerful bundle of energy who always had more projects to do than time to get them done, but who also had time and a smile and a helping hand for a friend or a neighbor, or a stray animal.

Memorial services were held for Ms. Long at St. Jerome Catho-

lic Church in El Cerrito on Saturday, Oct. 12. The services were followed by a reception at her home which she had recently redecorated.

Contributions in memory of Stephanie Long may be made to St. Vincent's School for Boys; One St. Vincent's Drive; San Rafael 94903.

Viola E. Nugent

Viola E. Nugent died Oct. 20 in Albany at age 82. She was the wife of the late Harry A. Nugent, beloved mother of Michael J. Nugent of San Francisco and Nancy A. Nugent of Albany, and beloved grandmother of Kathryn A. Nugent and Fiona K. Nugent, both of Albany.

She was a native of San Francisco and longtime resident of Sacramento.

Friends are invited to attend services today, Oct. 24, at 12 noon at Ellis-Olson Mortuary, 727 San Pablo Ave., Albany. A committal will be carried out at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma.

Plaza Fiesta Days called a success

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — While the future of El Cerrito Plaza remains an ongoing topic of intense community and City Council discussion, its present activity is of more immediate interest to the business community. They want the old draw provided by the now-closed Emporium store to be replaced — and as soon as possible.

A recent expansion of the Plaza's popular Farmers' Market to two days a week was one move designed to bring potential shoppers to the remaining small shops at the center. Recently, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce sponsored the First Annual El Cerrito October Fiesta Days, coinciding with the Saturday market. According to organizers, it was a successful enough event to make it a yearly community celebration. One merchant would like to see it taking place far more often than that.

Organizers see the first October event as something of a learning experience. They'll do things a bit differently in the future.

As chamber manager Sewall Glinertnick summarized it, "We should have had more publicity."

Even if the turnout wasn't as high as he would have liked, Glinertnick found the results of the chamber organizing committee's efforts "very gratifying" after several months of planning and six weeks of intense organizing activity.

For his part, Glinertnick promised an October Fair that will be "bigger and better next year."

"This turned out better than we thought after six weeks of planning," said board president Gary Wong, who also found the event successful enough to make it the "first annual."

"We would have liked more people," echoed chamber board member June Boblitt. "I think those who did come enjoyed it very much. This can be a starting place for a great annual event."

From the beginning, she said, the effort had the support of the community. Corporate sponsors

"who made the event possible," included Mechanics Bank, East Bay Sanitary Service, PetVet, PG&E and Honda of El Cerrito.

Those who attended enjoyed a variety of foods and entertainment and were able to holiday shop for handmade craft items and works of art. Food vendors included the Kiwanis Club, White Knight Restaurant, Sweis's Gyros and Pitas, Fidel's Mexican Restaurant and String's Italian Cafe.

Separate Ways, Feelin' Easy, Dancers of the Pharaohs, Adrienne's Dance Studio, vocalist Virginia Cooke, and Rod Roberts' Dixieland Band (which also provides dance music monthly at the Open House Senior Center's tea dances) performed at no cost.

Rhinestone Patty performed with the Jack London Band. Rhinestone Patty is well-known to many longtime Plaza shoppers. She owned a beauty shop at the Plaza for 13 years.

"It's been a dream for me to sing in this Plaza," she said after her performance Sunday afternoon.

Vendors included a number of independent craftspersons, as well as members of the El Cerrito Art Association and the El Sobrante Art Guild.

Hans Brouwer organized the Association's participation in the fair. He would also like to see more intense advertising next time — and perhaps a change of date from the busy October special event season.

"We might have preferred a better turnout... (but) our exposure was great," he said.

Betty's Hallmark manager Barbara Maiss found the turnout to be better on Saturday than Sunday. Despite that fact, she was exuberant about the event and its success as far as Plaza merchants were concerned.

"This proves a point," said Maiss. "The people of El Cerrito will support anything of quality that happens at the Plaza. People came out in droves. Not one merchant here didn't say they loved it."

Support for those merchants

was a major chamber goal, according to Boblitt, who agreed that, whether or not the courtyard vendors had as high a patronage as they would have liked, the event was a great success for the Plaza shops.

"I think the attendance did really help those stores," she said. "I myself went into Beadazzled and bought some jewelry, and several merchants said they had a good day, especially on Saturday."

The event was a fundraiser for the El Cerrito Chamber, which is self-supporting. At the same time, said Boblitt, whose Full Circle Travel business is located at the Peppermint Tree Plaza, it reflects the interest and concern of the city's whole business community for the success of the plaza. It also reflects a desire to create a focal point for businesses throughout the city.

"We want to draw attention to El Cerrito and see if we can't get something going here," she said. "Everybody's waiting for something to happen at the Plaza. I think that's what's hardest for the merchants and for those of us who live here and want a place to shop that safe and close to home."

"This is our city," she said. "I live here; I have for 50 years. I hate to see it fade out. I feel that if we had even one focal point — a store that lights up at night, like the Emporium did, something to draw attention to a location, it would make a tremendous difference."

Maiss has one suggestion for "the meantime."

"People will come to support the plaza, they'll come to support the chamber, they'll come to support the merchants," she said. "If we could have something like this every two months until something gets going here (in terms of major development), it would keep people coming."

"I know the Chamber can't do that," Maiss went on to say, "but different community groups could — the El Cerrito Rotary, the Kiwanis Club, the El Cerrito Firefighters, maybe when they have their toy drive."

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Albany veterinarian is fulfilling her life's dream

Terri McGinnis knew that she wanted to be an animal doctor before I knew the word for it. Born in Long Beach, Calif., Terri said she was always interested in animals. In the third grade she learned that the word was "vet" and she knew then what she would do with her life. "It's probably really a calling, in the old sense of the word," she ponders.

And when people said to her, "Why don't you be a real doctor?" she answered that veterinarians had to learn to care for primates, as well as other animals throughout the chain of life, so she would reply, "I am going to be a real doctor, I am going to be a real doctor for animals."

She did toy with the idea of being a physician, perhaps a pediatrician, which are "not very removed from animals because the patient doesn't really talk to you, and it is really a similar kind of medicine." She also, because of her grandmother, considered being a pianist ("I love to play but am not really good enough") or a ballerina; she took me to see "Red Shoes" when I was five years old," and that was the end of that dream.

So McGinnis went to UC Davis on a Regents Scholarship, which they then extended to veterinary school. "The scholarship program was very beneficial for me," she notes, "and it is really a shame that it is not as prevalent as it used to be;" and she adds, "I hope I am giving back to them what they thought I would be when the scholarship was awarded to me."

So Terri McGinnis followed her dream, and she has been practicing veterinary medicine in Albany for 25 years. Why Albany? "I really enjoy the climate up here. In this area you can grow the widest varieties of plants than anywhere else." She thinks about it for a bit,

then says, "I think I am very tied to the earth. All the things I enjoy, gardening, cooking, and being associated with nature, which supports our human soul. People so often are removed, with no contact with the earth, and then they wonder why they feel so bad. People with some attachment with nature seem to be happier and feel better." She smiles, "it is good for me and good for my clients."

Thinking of her own practice, she says, "If you practice veterinary medicine, and it's not really your calling, you can't do it for a prolonged period of time. It takes six or seven days a week and six or seven hours a day. Often, at 7 p.m. I am still returning calls. You have to like your work, or people are not getting what they need from you. It must be part of your life and not just a job. You have to like the process, and your living comes from liking the process. It must be part of your life and not just a way of making a living." And she adds, wryly, "It is not a highly remunerated profession."

McGinnis has written two books which had been published by Random House. They are "The Well Dog Book" and "The Well Cat Book." She showed me copies

of the books which are written in a spritely manner, and well illustrated. They give simple, easily understood advice on caring for the pet which is so much a part of one's family. Both books have been published in paperback just this past year. She calls them the "Dr. Spocks for the animal owners." She notes that she always loved to read the dictionary and the encyclopedia, and now "I am Dog and Cat for the World Book Encyclopedia." She has also had many appearances on radio and TV. TV in Southern California and radio in San Francisco. Primarily in San Francisco she has been "Ask the Vet," a call in show, and the lights always light up immediately. Her most popular segment was "how to examine dogs' ears." She also did a show in Connecticut last year.

She speaks highly of the nursing staff, which, in addition to the obvious things, also give tests and study the tests. She says the staff in their VCA Albany Pet Clinic are caring and helpful.

(On the outside of the Pet Clinic one side says Cats and one side Dogs. I went into the Dog side because I am allergic to cats. It helped, for a while, but cats

abound, and so does their dander. I didn't last very long in that atmosphere.) Personally, she says, "all of my patients kind of become my extended family."

Asked if people become vets because of love of animals, she said many do, but there are many kinds of veterinary care now. Personally, she believes in continuity. "There is always a great deal that I can remember about when I saw a patient two years ago. The older they get the more important it is to know and understand the patient. Much like human beings, the signs are often subtle. If you know the animal you can often recognize signs even before the owners recognize them. Animals," she says, "get the most and the least expensive care." But the important thing is getting to know the animal from the time it is a baby until it is old. "I learned this in Vets school," she says, "and I found it to be true. This is the best care for a pet;

She speaks of medicines for cats and dogs. Cats and dogs have different metabolism, she notes, and they react differently to certain drugs. And she adds that cats, dogs and human beings have many things basically the same:

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



four chambered hearts, two eyes, two lungs, two kidneys, and a liver that is very much the same. The important thing is knowing and recognizing the differences.

She speaks of children and their pets, remembering that as a child she had all sorts of pets. In fact, she was bribed to do a piano recital by being told she could have one of a neighbors puppies if she did play in the recital. At the present time she has two dogs and a newt (someone took it home, then couldn't keep it)

When not at work or taking or answering calls, she is often found cooking, gardening, backpacking or running (in as much time as I have). She travels when she can, and speaks of having been to France, Indonesia, Hong Kong and Mexico, and almost all of the states of the United States.

"I'm in a good profession, and

have a good life," she says. And being a vital, enthusiastic person who talks with her whole being and obviously her whole heart, you feel that this is truly a good life for her.

If I ever get my desk cleared (don't hold your breath), I will be able to thank the very kind person who called me about Terri McGinnis. I do appreciate it and loved talking with this breezy, contented woman.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give my your input: interesting people, programs, events, organizations, travel, etc. promise to try to keep my notes neat, so that I can thank you properly. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585. I occasionally check my email at crgenser@aol.com.

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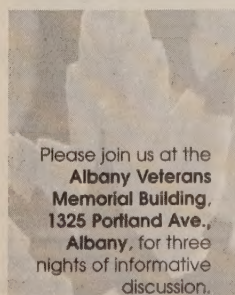
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Vote NO on Albany's Measure "R"

YOUR "NO" VOTE ON MEASURE R would prevent the City Council from buying privately owned creek banks in El Cerrito, Richmond, and Berkeley, digging up streets, replacing culverts that could cost millions of dollars.

This would also increase Albany's liability and cause permanent maintenance obligations for our cash-strapped City.

YOUR "NO" VOTE ON MEASURE R would prevent our City Council from buying additional land on Albany Hill which could commit the tax payers to millions of dollars in taxes for an unknown period of years. 17 acres of Albany Hill, including the crest, are already publicly owned or are permanently dedicated to open space.

The City Council has made no showing that there is any relationship between the cost of the land to be acquired and the amount of taxes assessed.

The proposed tax has no final date, it could be assessed and increased every year.

YOUR "NO" VOTE ON MEASURE R would prevent the City Council from buying property outside the City of Albany.

Please join us in voting "NO" ON MEASURE R!

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Letters

I well remember when the assessment for landscape and lighting was imposed on us without a vote. Literature accompanying the assessment stated the money would be used for increased and improved lighting and, among other things, improved park maintenance. These promises were never delivered. Published arguments for continuing this assessment and especially for Measure H — the fire suppression assessment — by their own admission speak more to how the additional money would be used for things other than fire suppression!

What is particularly galling is that the citizen advisory group, formed for the purpose of determining what this assessment should be, recommended the amount of \$75. This recommendation was rejected out of hand and increased to \$125 with no reason or public accounting given. Furthermore, this assessment is to last indefinitely and increase each and every year according to the consumer price index. This is arrogant government in the extreme! This must be stopped now before it gets any

worse. Measure H must be defeated.
Tom Smithberger
El Cerrito

EC needs assessment

Editor:

"While State Government is Flush With Cash, Counties Go Begging" was the caption of a feature article in the California section of the Oct. 9 Wall Street Journal. It pointed out that the state of California is flush with money and refuses to give back to the cities and counties any of the tax money it has taken to balance its own past budgets.

When my wife and I built our home in El Cerrito 39 years ago, there were three fire stations. Proposition 13 resulted from the state's refusal to listen to the enormous outcry from homeowners over the constantly increasing assessments and outrageous property taxes.

However, Prop. 13 was an overkill which threw the baby out with the bath water. As a result of 13, our three fire stations were reduced to two by closing one across the street from El

Cerrito High School on Ashbury Avenue. This increased the emergency response time to the south part of the city. In addition, the four firefighters on each engine were reduced to three, which further impaired our fire service.

I served on an El Cerrito Citizens Task Force that met for 10 weeks last spring. We were from all parts of the city, young and old, African-American, white, Asian and Hispanic. We heard from every department head and were given printed details of their budgets. We were able to ask any questions we wished; they were fully and intelligently answered.

In the end, after 10 weeks of study, our consensus was that there was absolutely no more water to squeeze out of the El Cerrito budget. It had already been squeezed dry. We did not want any further reduction in services, and, in fact, wanted some restored; library hours, for instance.

In addition to the state's theft of our sales and property tax revenue, El Cerrito lost \$250,000 in sales tax revenue when Emporium (Capwell's) closed and it will lose another

\$420,000 because of the state's repeal of our Real Property Transfer Tax. That's \$670,000 in lost revenue in addition to the money the state previously took.

There is very little turnover of property in El Cerrito because it is a desirable place to live and we want to keep it that way. In addition, the low turnover results from the fact that most homeowners are paying pre-Proposition 13 property taxes. I am paying less than half of what I paid prior to Proposition 13.

Measure G on the November ballot is not a new tax. It keeps our present Landscape and Lighting fee of \$72. Measure H will guarantee no further reduction in fire services. This new fee of \$124 a year is only 35 cents a day. This certainly won't hurt me and I can't believe it will hurt those who cried "wolf" in their formal ballot argument by claiming 35 cents a day "is a huge tax increase."

William J. Commerford
El Cerrito

Measure asks too much

Editor:

The Albany City Council, through Measure R, wants every household to hand over another \$69 per year. That's \$1,380 over 20 years (although there is no end date for this tax, and it could continue indefinitely).

What would we get in return? We would pay for more open space on Albany Hill. (But have you ever seen the existing open space on Albany Hill crowded?) We would pay for so-called creek "restoration." (Is this really a "long-sought, vital community goal?") We would pay for more park space, ignoring the fact that the Eastshore Park will soon be a reality, greatly expanding local open space. (The city doesn't even maintain the parks and trees which it has already! Take a look at all those poorly-maintained street trees on Masonic and San Pablo avenues!) Are these proposals worth our \$1,380?

Even worse, the city hasn't identified the property it wants to acquire, and it has no idea of the cost of acquisition and maintenance. Does anyone really think that the council will act prudently in the future, when

it certainly has not acted responsibly in putting this open-ended measure on the ballot?

The City Council wants Albany voters to trust it. Why should we trust that choice. It feared that the council could have allowed a vote on these three proposals separately — but it decided not to give that choice. It feared that the council would have the good sense to vote some, or all, of three ill-considered, stand-alone, spending proposals. Instead, the council packaged them as all-or-nothing, pork-barrel legislation.

We can stop this wasteful spending proposal. And, more importantly, we can send a message to the City Council that we don't like to be manipulated by our elected officials. We don't like to be presented with open-ended spending packages that don't permit us to make choices to which we are entitled. We have to do is vote "No" to Measure R.

Carl Ingram
Albany

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Viewpoint: Why many object to Measure H

Many citizens and business groups, including the Chamber of Commerce, oppose Measure H because it is misrep-
resented, has serious flaws, and will
cost homeowners, renters and busi-
nesses much more than it appears.

First, Measure H is not about in-
creasing fire services. Not \$1 from this
measure will go to increase fire protec-
tion. Secondly, the measure contains
hidden tax increments that will increase
the tax from year to year, potentially
doubling or even tripling this tax within
a few years. Thirdly, the manner in
which Measure H is being "packaged"
is dishonest. It calls into question why
the city is pushing so hard for this
measure — even overriding the sug-
gestions of its own Citizens' Task Force
and what the council's real inten-
tions are.

In truth, Measure H is the result of a
City Council which continues to ignore
Citizens' recommendations on how to
improve city services. As a result of the
Neighborhood-to-Neighborhood meet-
ings, a Citizens' Task Force was formed
to address the imminent loss of the
property transfer tax (of \$440,000) and
the temporary loss of sales tax revenue
(\$250,000) from the Emporium clo-

sure.
After lengthy deliberations, with fis-
cal information provided by the city
staff, this Citizens' Task Force advised
a \$75 assessment without any escala-
tion based on the Consumer Price Index
(CPI). The amount recommended would
have replaced any anticipated loss of
revenue and also would have provided
for an increase in city staff or services.

The council promptly ignored the
task force and imposed the \$125 amount
with an automatic yearly increase based
on the CPI. The CPI increment acts as a
hidden tax increase, that could escalate
the tax to \$300 or more in as little as 10
years, given historical inflation rates.
This fact, in itself, let alone the arro-
gance of the City Council, is sufficient
cause to vote "No" on Measure H.

The proponents of Measure H claim
that this assessment is for the Fire De-
partment. In truth, the Fire Department
would get NO additional monies from
the \$1.3 million that would be raised.
The City Council is simply using (or,
better said, misusing) the good name
and reputation of the Fire Department
to mislead the public into supporting
Measure H.

The primary beneficiary would be

the City Council, since they could spend
the excess funds on any number of
undefined projects. These projects
should be defined and put on the ballot,
not Measure H. Recent letters and ar-
ticles by the proponents of Measure H
focus primarily on these other propos-
als with nary a mention of the Fire
Department, proving the point that this
tax is NOT about fire services.

Perhaps the council needs the ex-
cess funds from Measure H to continue
its current practice of subsidies to the
Redevelopment Agency. This is the
same agency that has squandered \$4
million of your tax dollars on the Target
store project. Recently the council, in
its role as the Redevelopment Agency,
has engaged in a project with Pacific
Development Group that will lose at
least an admitted \$1.25 million more of
your tax dollars.

A recent editorial in the *West County
Times* referred to the agency's mis-
management of this project with the
acronym D.U.M.B. Given the ques-
tionable management of these redevel-
opment projects, we should know ex-
actly how our City Council intends to
spend the funds from Measure H before

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Clarification of misstatements

I have become very disturbed
about a number of statements that
opponents of Measure H have
made concerning the relationship
between the Redevelopment
Agency and its budget and the
city's General Fund. Opponents
of Measure H have made a
number of false statements about
redemption. I want to make
sure readers have the facts.

The first claim that opponents
of Measure H make is that the
city's General Fund is used to pay
for the Redevelopment Agency
and its projects. This is simply not
true. As I have noted in a past
article a couple of weeks ago, the
Redevelopment Agency is a
separate legal entity from the city.
The members of the City Council
make up the Redevelopment
Agency board, but it is a separate
and distinct entity from the City
of El Cerrito.

El Cerrito Redevelopment Report

By Norman La Force,
Redevelopment agency chair



By law, the City of El Cerrito's
general fund revenues cannot be
used to pay for the Redevelopment
Agency or any of its activities. No
general fund revenues have been
used to pay for the Target store or
any other redevelopment project.
Hence, the claim that the
Redevelopment Agency has
allegedly "squandered" money on
redemption projects which has
resulted in a loss of revenue from
the general fund is a false
statement, plain and simple.

The city does, however,
backcharge the agency for city
resources used by the agency (this
primarily includes staff time). When
the state began taking property tax
revenues in fiscal year 1992/93 the

agency was prevented from
reimbursing the city for those
services, although interest is being
charged on those debts at a rate of 3
percent, which is more than the
average citizen would earn on their
savings account.

In fact, redevelopment has
generated sales tax revenue that
goes to the city's general fund. As I
discussed in my earlier article, any
sales tax revenue that a redevel-
opment project generates does not go
to the Redevelopment Agency, but
instead goes directly into the city's
general fund.

In the case of the Target store,
the city receives \$242,000 annually
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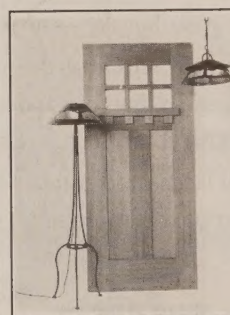


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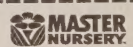
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MEASURE S WILL PROVIDE:

- \$30 million to restore, expand, make earthquake-safe and improve disabled accessibility to the historic Main Library (note: the work currently under way on the Library is FEMA-funded facade repair from the Loma Prieta earthquake — no structural work is being done);
- \$15 million to internally retrofit as the most cost effective means to achieve earthquake safety, improve and increase disabled accessibility at the historic Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Center Building;
- \$4 million to install landscaping, street improvements, street lighting and other related improvements within the downtown area of Berkeley.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

The City Manager's office estimates \$19 per \$50,000 of assessed value. The average Berkeley homeowner will pay approximately \$57 per year (based on the average Berkeley home value of approximately \$150,000).

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MEASURE S DOES NOT PASS?

Although the city budget is \$200 million, only \$75 million is discretionary. The cost of seismic improvements will have to come from the discretionary budget. Police and Fire protection, health services, senior and youth programs and emergency services would all sustain significant reductions.

WHY IS A BOND THE BEST METHOD OF FINANCING?

Bonds offer the lowest interest rate and the work can begin right away. Basic city services **will not** be affected. This method proved best for the improvements made to the Berkeley Schools. The "pay-as-you-go" concept would require cuts in city services and will delay any improvements by at least 10 years until adequate funds have been saved. By then lives and structures could be lost.

IS THERE A REAL SEISMIC DANGER?

The Degenkolb engineering firm did a study of the Civic Center in 1992. After the Northridge and Kobe earthquakes, Degenkolb went back to their own original data and revised their recommendations, citing increased risk. A team of internationally renowned experts reviewed these recommendations yet again and every expert consulted agreed with their conclusions. They cited 36 life safety issues that this Measure would address.

WHO IS SUPPORTING MEASURE S?

Measure S has gained the most broad-based support of any ballot measure in Berkeley's recent political history.

**We're for Measure S,
and we think you
will be too once you
read the facts.**

The Coalition of Support is Unprecedented

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Representative
Nicholas Petris,
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"We Urge You to Vote Yes On S."

Measure H

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we grant them monies beyond what the budget demands and what the Citizens' Task Force saw as essential.

The proponents of Measure H are trying to scare you into thinking that essential services will suffer if this \$125 tax does not pass. In fact, even a modest \$40 per year tax would replace the property transfer tax, and the city's \$1 million reserve fund can offset the temporary sales tax loss from the Emporium. The council should come back to the voters in March of 1997 with the generous proposal of the Citizens' Task Force. That proposal was for \$75 without the CPI increment.

Measure H is an out-of-control tax opposed by 120 El Cerrito businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, the El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance, El Cerrito Neighborhoods Coalition and a large number of people who served on the Citizens' Task Force. Measure H is simply a shell game, a bait-and-switch tax that does NOT deserve your support. Vote "No" on Measure H!

Steve Magyary and Bob Schnelker on behalf of El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance Anne Delehunt on behalf of El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance Bill Kerber on behalf of Business People Against Measure H. Jim McKissack and Carl Gent as members of the Citizens' Task Force

Albany PTA Council News

If you don't vote, don't complain

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5! Remember the basic rule of citizenship: If you can't vote, you can't complain about the government. Rather than miss out on this sturdy American tradition (complaining about the government, that is), get yourself down to your polling place early and feel good about it all day.

Public hearing set

On Nov. 12 (during the regularly scheduled meeting) the Board of Education will hold a public hearing as required by law to discuss spending of a "one-time district grant" from the state of \$112,024. The money is intended to provide for non-recurring items, such as instructional materials, library resources/technology, and deferred maintenance. Nevertheless, the funds are unrestricted, and could be used to increase teacher salaries.

To raise teachers' salaries by one percent costs the district approximately \$100,000.

If the board chooses to spend the money to increase teacher salaries, the law requires a second

public hearing on the issue. Last year, the board used a similar state grant to give the teachers a small salary increase, rather than spending it on any of the above non-recurring costs.

To find money for a teachers' raise, the board will need to gather funds from a number of different sources. They can use only unrestricted funds. (Restricted funds — also called "categorical funds" — are those targeted by the state for specific programs, the largest being Special Education.)

The California Teachers' Association auditor is meeting for the fourth time with AUDS Business Manager Ralph Hatland. Once this is done, negotiations may possibly resume again with the Albany Teachers' Association.

Meetings this week

PTA Council meets Monday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library. All interested parents and teachers are welcome.

Albany Middle School PTA meets Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. Topic is "Parenting Adolescents."

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

An "E"ssential vote

Less than four months ago, the WCCUSD school board requested an advisory vote on the district's Maintenance and Recreation Assessment District. Dubbed Measure E on next Tuesday, ballot, it is of immense importance to children, families, property owners, and businesses in our community.

Measure E asks voters to continue an existing \$72 assessment which provides the school district with \$5 million per year in revenue.

It is no secret that our school district has been through some tough times in recent years. This assessment has enabled it to make crucial improvements to school facilities, including new playground structures, roofs, gym floors, and safety upgrades. Without the assessment, the school district would not have been able to add back sixth period for our middle schools and to open high school libraries on a full-time basis or fund

after-school tutoring and enrichment programs.

If Measure E loses and the school district loses this revenue, all of these gains and more will be cut back. The immediate losers will be the children of our communities who depend on our schools for their education. Our entire community, however, loses because property values decline and businesses no longer can hire the employees they need when our schools have not properly prepared students to enter the work force.

That is why school, community, and business leaders from throughout the school district have joined hands on an almost unprecedented scale to seek the passage of Measure E. They are working together to overwhelmingly pass Measure E and demonstrate to our young people that we are willing to invest in their future.

Measure E has been endorsed by the Parent Teachers

Association (32nd District), the League of Women Voters, the El Cerrito Democratic Club, all five West County mayors, all five school board members, the United Teachers of Richmond CTA/NEA, PEU Local No. 1, Congressman George Miller, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, California state Assembly representatives Tom Bates and Bob Campbell, state Senate candidate Barbara Lee, the West County Times, the city councils of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo, as well as literally hundreds of community leaders and neighbors from throughout West County.

The poet e.e. cummings wrote, "of children be more careful than anything." Your "Yes" vote on Measure E is a vote of confidence in the children of our school district. Your vote makes a difference. For the children of West County, vote "Yes" on Measure E Nov. 5.

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Treasurer

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tested in more than 15 years, although he has since promised to be a higher-profile watchdog who would interact with his constituents in a twice-yearly column on the city's financial condition.

While one might imagine Denton's eight years in office to be a plus on her side, Caine has also attacked on that front, saying a new treasurer with a fresh perspective would be more apt to uncover problems in the finance department and more likely to blow the whistle on potential misuse of city funds.

"A good watchdog should be as detached as possible from those being monitored," he says in the lone flier he has put out during his campaign. "It is therefore best to bring in a new treasurer as often as possible."

Caine also says he would step up business license enforcement, take a look at the six hours per week Denton has added to the position, and provide a smooth transition if voters approve Measure N and the office becomes an appointed one. He criticizes Denton for not charging interest to council candidate Michael Feiner after his lack of a home occupation permit and business license were discovered, and repeatedly stresses his commitment to make the office more visible to the electorate.

"You can't know (what the treasurer is doing) unless they go out of their way to tell you," he says. "I think it's the treasurer's responsibility to do that."

Caine's offensive has left Denton in a rather awkward position in that, although she has caused no scandals during her eight-year tenure, she has also made few changes to the office and can rely only on her experience and her rather low-profile record. A lifelong city resident with a degree in business administration, Denton won her office by default in 1988 when her opponent failed to qualify.

While Denton, an advocate for keeping her position elected, emphasizes her role as a watchdog over city finances, her tenure has seen no

whistle-blowing despite one perfect opportunity to do so.

Although a pair of questions submitted at last week's League of Women Voters debate took on the issue of inflated budget projections during the 1994 Golden Gate Fields cardroom campaign, Denton at first said she didn't think the deficit had been exaggerated and has since done little to defend her lack of awareness of the matter.

"I don't know how I can answer that," she says. "The Finance Director is responsible for doing the budget."

Denton has no response to Caine's idea about a twice-yearly treasurer's column other than calling it "an entirely feasible thing to do." She does, however, take issue with her opponent's suggestion of computerizing the city's checkbooks, saying a computer is only as good as the person who operates it.

She also defends her position on Feiner's business license in that city policy dictated the position, not her, and says Caine's theory of her becoming a cozy insider who might be reluctant to blow the whistle on friends is not quite valid in the face of the high turnover among city staff.

Denton also defends her request for a pay increase, saying she made it based only on the number of hours she spent on the job, and points to her financial experience as her best qualification.

"I know I'm doing the best that I can and I think I'm doing a good job," she says.

Denton includes former Albany Mayor Ruth Ganong and School Board candidate Jewel Okawachi among a rather long list of endorsers, while Caine has reeled in those of Feiner and Denton columnist Phyllis Lyon. While Denton says she will spend approximately \$1,000 on her campaign, Caine says he plans to let the politicking occur in the press and on cable TV and, as of last week, has spent a mere \$1.25, "give or take 25 cents," in addition to fliers he has produced on his home photocopier.

Cain

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we need to improve our curriculum."

His twin sons, Mike and Tom, whose photographs keep company with a wall full of engineering books, graduated from Albany High School two years ago. Cain's oldest child, stepson Robert Woodward, also went through the Albany schools.

"The basic core program needs to teach communication and reasoning skills. School prepared you for a lifetime process of learning. It shouldn't just give you a body of facts." Acknowledging that curriculum choices are made by teachers and administrators, Cain nevertheless feels that the school board can outline a philosophy for the community, and keep track of its progress.

"For example, the question that came up about middle school science; other districts give more courses in science at that level than we do. I think we need a strong effort to increase science education. It should never come down to a lottery for a limited number of students."

Cain also feels that Albany has allowed art and music education to fall below acceptable levels. "The arts are integral to a student's total development," he says. "Not only do they provide enjoyable activities for later in life, but they also promote creativity. You hear a lot about right-brain and left-brain activities, but I don't think anybody can succeed in technology without being creative. The arts teach kids to expand their horizons, to think unconventionally. Without that ability, they won't be as effective out in the world."

Money for expanding the curriculum comes from the state, and Cain thinks it important that school board members push the state for increased funding. He also thinks teacher salaries are too low, and would push for increases there. "They're making nowhere near what other professionals make, given the same years of education. They need higher compensation. They need to be heard. After all, we're trusting our kids to these folks."

Moreover, he says the board should look at the total picture of what teachers want. "Most companies do things to encourage their employees to stay. It doesn't have to cost a lot: One thing teachers say is they'd like their children to attend Albany schools, whether or not they live in the district. Maybe we could accommodate that."

The point, he says, is that in bargaining "you don't harden a position and go to impasse." Cain's experience in these matters includes a difficult negotiation with the Albany firefighters when he was on the City Council. "One thing is certain: Negotiations are never done. A budget, too, is never finished. It's a dynamic situation, constantly changing."

Cain has compiled a long list of community service to Albany. Besides his term on City Council, he has been a member of the Albany Library Board and more than 20 other commissions, from the Fiscal Task Force to the Board of Police and Fire Pension Fund commissioners.

He has chaired both the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission. (His dismissal last spring from Planning and Zoning was seen in some quarters as a political payback for Cain's outspoken opposition to the Golden Gate Fields cardroom. Measure Q on this fall's ballot seeks to make such dismissals of commission volunteers more difficult in the future.)

The 49-year-old Cain has also served on the board of the Albany Little League, the Albany Interdependent Elders Network, and the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park, among others. He managed bingo games to raise funds for the High School Athletic Boosters, and was treasurer of the successful campaign to establish a school parcel tax in Albany. He co-chaired the effort to raise private funds for building the Albany Community Center.

Cain would work to improve communication between the school board and the community that supports it. He thinks the board could hold a

town meeting about education, perhaps patterned after the town meeting he organized as mayor.

"The town meeting format is very effective. I still have people coming to me to ask why we don't have another one. I don't know why we don't, except that it takes some work, and it takes some patience. People should be allowed their say, even if some of them feel the need to go on at length. When people have only three minutes to comment on something complicated, like the new middle school, they get frustrated."

The present board, he says, does "a lot of things right, but they become very guarded and touchy when people question them." He understands this, he says. He felt that way too when he first served on City Council. "You feel challenged, and you think, 'Why are these people coming after me?' But they're not coming after you. Generally, there's nothing personal in it at all. But it can become personal if you stop listening."

To Cain, listening is an important part of any public official's job. "The educational level in Albany is extraordinarily high. When you're elected you become a conduit for people's ideas. An important thing I learned at council is that I could make a lot more effective decisions if I heard a wide variety of viewpoints expressed. It's not easier to decide that way, but you make better decisions."

He is also concerned about confrontational attitudes between the Board of Education and the City Council. However, in this election, three council seats are up for grabs, as well as the two school board seats. Cain sees this in a positive light. "We

have a tremendous opportunity now to start working on solutions rather than pointing fingers at each other. For example, about reimbursement for the new middle school, it strikes me as odd to wrangle about the city or the district will pay for things. That money comes from the taxpayer, whichever agency you want."

Instead, he feels, the board should find ways to reduce costs at the school without sacrificing educational goals. His city council experience with the Albany Community Center convinces him that this can be done. "When the architect came in with an initial estimate, the building was going to cost \$8.5 million. I met with the architect, and over time, we brought the costs down to the available budget of \$5 million."

Building the new middle school makes more sense to Cain than keeping the plan and starting over, especially given the immediate need to provide space for class size reduction. Like the other candidates, he feels that Vista and Midway schools should remain open. He would like to see more money go to the school libraries.

As for broader social questions such as those addressed by the Proposition 209, Cain says he has no limitations on the number of people one can benefit from affirmative action and set-aside programs. "I wouldn't vote to scrap those programs altogether. Albany is the most diverse city in the state," he says, citing a report by the League of California Cities. "You need to take care of everyone. Provide resources so that kids can get good English language skills, for example."

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East Bay Events

British theme

Wilson Studdiford and Simon Dance in TheatreFirst's Bay Area premiere of David Greig's "Racing Demon," one of a trilogy of plays that turn a critical eye on British institutions. The show is at the Julia Morgan Theatre Thursdays through Sundays through Nov. 10. For ticket information call 508-5085.

Circular serenity

"The Search for Order" is the title of an exhibition of paintings and drawings currently showing at the ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Paintings by Pat Violette McGaw and Kathleen Larisch and tea towels by Mardi Wood, Kimi Masui and guest artists Catherine Desrosiers will be on display through Nov. 23. Gallery hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Local horn makes good



The East Bay's own Jon Faddis (left) blows a mean horn and leads the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band in its first Bay Area appearance at 8 p.m. Friday at Zellerbach Hall. The 17-member ensemble will play inspired arrangements of classics from jazz greats like Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Irving Berlin and John Coltrane as well as original works. A pre-concert discussion with Faddis begins at 7 p.m. at Zellerbach. Call 642-9988 for information.

Contemplative landscapes

ART at ZIA, 1310 Tenth St., Berkeley, is hosting an exhibition of recent paintings by San Francisco artist Olivia Kuser. Kuser presents quiet, contemplative side of Bay Area landscapes. She explores landscape as a disorienting yet alluring border between earth and sky as well as earth and water. Taking inspiration for most of her scenes from points that allow sweeping views of the Bay, she focuses on regions where land and water dramatically coexist. Kuser usually stays to the North, looking west from the salt water marshes of Petaluma in Sonoma County or from those at China Camp in Marin County, towards the Pacific. The media Kuser prefers — black etching ink on Masonite — allows her to apply delicate layers of material. She can create moody settings animated by strong bright lighting. The exhibition continues through Nov. 24.

Everything silver

Tools from a Yemenite silversmith workshop, ritual objects including silver Torah pointers and finials, intricately worked necklaces, rings and amulets are included in "Forging and Identity: The Art of the Yemenite Silversmith," an exhibit at the Judah L. Magens Museum. Jews were present in Yemen since several centuries before the Christian era. Following the Muslim conquest in the seventh century E. Yemen's Jews worked primarily as artisans — smiths, tin workers, tailors, weavers, potters, leather-workers and silversmiths. This exhibition highlights objects created by these silversmiths for ritual and everyday use in the Jewish community, and those they made specifically for use by their Muslim neighbors.

California in dance



The Margaret Jenkins Dance Company presents the West Coast premiere of Jenkins' newest work, *Fault*, set to music newly commissioned and composed by Alvin Curran and David Lang, performed on piano and by the Paul Drescher Ensemble. The work was developed during the company's three-year residency at the Center for Theater Arts on the UC Berkeley campus. The project incorporated a number of seminars with scholars from diverse fields like geology, geophysics, political science, English, African American studies and theater arts. Tickets are \$20 and \$28, available through the Cal Performances at 842-9988.

The art for fall

The Cecile Mouchnek Gallery, 1809D Fourth St., Berkeley, proudly presents a fall show, "Palimpsest: Traces of Autumn" (through Dec. 10) featuring the work of Santa Fe artist Iren Schio.

Lunching with poetry catches on at UC Berkeley

Resident Berkeley poet Alan Williamson will read Nov. 7 as part of the Lunch Poems series hosted by U.S. Poet Laureate and UC Berkeley English Professor Robert Hass. Peter Dale Scott a poet and retired Professor of English at UC Berkeley, will introduce his friend Williamson, who will read from published poems and a book-in-progress with more emphasis on the public and politics.

The readings in the series take

place on the first Thursday of every month from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. in the Morrison Room of Doe Library.

The *Harvard Review* recently described Alan Williamson as "...one of the living poets who really matter." Other critics have praised Williamson's work as "composed with wit, intelligence and pain."

Williamson is professor of English at UC Davis and also teaches

in the Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers. In addition to his books of poetry — *Presence* (1983), *The Muse of Distance* (1988) and *Love and the Soul* (1995) — he is the author of three critical works, *Pity the Monsters* (1974), *Introspection and Contemporary Poetry* (1984), and *Eloquence and Mere Life* (1994).

The Lunch Poems series was launched in September with more than 350 students, Berkeley faculty and staff, and Bay Area com-

munity members overflowing the Morrison Room of Doe Library for a reading by 10 of UC Berkeley's most prominent personalities, including Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien, geophysicist Walter Alvarez, and poet and activist June Jordan.

Earlier this month, National Book Critics Circle Award winner Mark Doty captivated an audience of 250 who gathered to celebrate and enjoy the liveliness of poetry.

Treasure trove of South Berkeley art



April Watkins and her daughter, Heather, at April's South Berkeley gallery.

By Marc Breindel

April Watkins has the kind of face people have a hard time placing. Is she Polynesian? Middle Eastern? Black? White?

Watkins is comfortably "all of the above." "I consider myself a 'brider' in that regard because of my own cultural mixture," Watkins said during a private tour of the Art of Living Center, her eclectic south Shattuck Avenue art gallery. "And so it's natural for me to meet lots of kinds of people. And that's what we need, that interchange."

Watkins' actually traces her roots back to the French, Cherokee, African and Scottish, with a strong psychic "Fifi Islands

pull." Watkins represents all those influences her own work, from African and Polynesian landscapes to conceptual representations of Santa Fe, New Mexico as seen from a plane.

"I'll go to Mexico and people will assume I'm Mexican, and start speaking Spanish," Watkins said. "So I feel like I can move a lot of places in the world, the way I feel and the way I am."

A gallery grows

The Art of Living Center reflects Watkins' sensibility in form as well as function. It's a showplace for neighborhood artists of all stripes, featuring mixed-media works that cross genres as freely

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Filming a search for Richard III

By Renata Polit

Looking for Richard, directed by, produced by, and starring Al Pacino, is a lot of things. It's Shakespeare's *Richard III*. It's also a movie about doing a production of *Richard III*. And it's about *Richard III*, the way a classroom lecture or a copy of Cliff Notes (shown in the film!) is about the play (supposedly — I find this hard to believe — Shakespeare's most often-performed).

How well does all of this work? Pretty well, though it would work better if there were less of it.

The film opens and closes with the lines from "The Tempest" that include "We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep." Why "The Tempest," and why the filmmakers misquote the line before these, puzzles me.

Then Pacino, with long hair and wearing a baseball cap backwards, polls people on the street: what do they know about Richard III? Most people say something like, "Richard who?" Except for one toothless street person, who opines that if Shakespeare were taught in school, people would learn how to feel, and there would be less violence.

Now Pacino brings on the big guns: Kevin Kline, Kenneth Branagh, James Earl Jones, Vanessa Redgrave, E. Murray Abraham, John Gielgud, yet. Each puts in his or her two cents' worth, as do a couple of unnamed scholars. Pacino doesn't have much use for the scholars, but they do offer some worthwhile insights. While

walking down the street, Pacino gets iambic pentameter neatly and efficiently explained to him.

Pacino and friends try to clarify the background of the play, a cause of confusion to a lot of viewers and readers. They rehearse one scene at Manhattan's Cloisters museum, for its medieval atmosphere. They rehearse other scenes. The same scenes are shown in the actual production. Watching rehearsals is revealing, and switching back and forth from rehearsal to production is fun for the first few times.

Pacino opens up the action in other ways: visiting Shakespeare's birthplace, and the site of the Bard's Globe Theatre, just now being reconstructed. These aren't travelogue-type visits: Pacino's tone is always a mix of respect and irreverence. He loves Shakespeare, but he doesn't have much use for the Shakespeare industry.

As the film goes into its second hour (of two), more time is given to the play itself, with Pacino as a sly, powerful Richard, Estelle Parsons as Margaret, Alec Baldwin as Clarence, Kevin Spacey as Buckingham, Winona Ryder as an overly demure Lady Anne, and Aidan Quinn as Richmond. They're all satisfactory, or better.

Looking for Richard would be a terrific enhancement for a high school or college English class. In many respects, it is like an English class, one taught by a witty, clever, but somewhat self-indulgent teacher who hasn't learned that "the play's the thing."



CCCT's Bruce Lundy: Contemplating murder by the book?

CCCT show

Laughing about murder

By Phyllis Lyon

Had Noel Coward written a murder mystery featuring Kaufman and Hart's Sheridan Whiteside, the curmudgeon who came to dinner, it might have looked a lot like *Murder by the Book*, the current production of the Contra Costa Civic Theater playing through Nov. 23 in El Cerrito.

Or that's what English playwrights Duncan Greenwood and Robert King would have their audience think. The 1982 mystery-satire, set among London literati, peppers the talk with pseudo-Cowardesque witticisms and sophisticated putdowns. And should the connection be lost on anyone, strains of "Somewhere I'll Find You" play off and on in the background.

Not content only to smack the effete elite, *Murder by the Book* also takes on the murder mystery play genre with a plot that has more hairpin turns than a trip up Pike's Peak. No way-to-kill — poison, gun, knife, suicide — is left out. Almost every convoluted scheme to murder thinkable by Agatha Christie is played out, leading the audience up a twisted garden path to the funny inconclusive conclusion.

Talented CCCT players, wisely directed by Wendy McGlothlin Wisely, don't miss a trick mocking, with appropriately straight faces, stock characters familiar to mystery aficionados.

In a stroke of originality in casting, Arthur Atlas plays the suave, arrogant Selwin Piper, mystery

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Sweet Adelines sing love songs

The Harmony Bay Chorus of Sweet Adelines will treat the public to "Love Notes," a program of romance, barbershop style, in a performance on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m., at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington. The church is known for the magnificent acoustics of its sanctuary.

Harmony Bay is Berkeley's chapter of Sweet Adelines, an international organization of women keeping alive the tradition of four-part barbershop harmony. Featured in the program will be the music of Irving Berlin, Sammy Cahn, and many other great songwriters.

Special guest quartet Making Waves will enchant the audi-

ence with their renditions of "Sentimental Journey," "Side By Side," and much more. Other quartets and double quartets will make cameo appearances with "San Francisco Bay Blues," "That Summer When We Were Young," and Berlin's "Blue Skies."

The Harmony Bay Chorus was chartered in 1973 and boasts more than 25 members, some of whom have been singing with the chorus for over 20 years.

Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, and may be obtained by sending a check payable to Harmony Bay and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Harmony Bay Chorus, 646 - 29th St., Richmond, Calif. 94804. Tickets will also be available at the door.



The local chapter of the Sweet Adelines will perform in Kensington this weekend.

South Berkeley

as Watkins crosses social and ethnic lines.

Watkins first occupied the front half of her gallery on April 15, 1995. A year later the shop had become successful enough for Watkins to expand into the back half of the building, where she now provides studio space for local artists, disabled activists, art instructors and other creative folk.

Watkins and her tenants regularly host classes in the sunny back warehouse on such subjects as stained glass production, puppet making for children and personal shield design. They're always on the lookout for people with ideas for future workshops.

In the front half of the gallery, recently featured artists include a young French woman with a taste for Art Nouveau furniture and mirrors with bubbles (from her scuba diving experience); a prolific octogenarian into colorful abstract modernism, and a black woman who decorates eggs with smoothed African kinte cloth.

There's even a small thrift section with clothes and accessories so artful that they blend into the gallery around them. Soon Watkins will add a practical showcase for the overlooked craft of hair braiding.

Murder

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novelist extraordinaire and critic of fellow authors. The rotund Atlas, who made his mark on East Bay stages in the CCCT's *Fantasticks* and wuz Wazir in the Masquers' *Kismet*, mixes Piper's supercilious nastiness with some charm, or charisma, in his buoyant performance.

As if it was just another novel, Piper lays out a plot to murder his estranged wife, Imogen, either because she will not divorce him or for tax purposes. Played with flash and flare by Robin Steeves, dressed to kill in high-fashion costumes designed by Betty McCarthy, the hard-drinking ex has her own murder scheme.

The young lovers necessary to mystery plots are played by Michele Delattre and Bruce Lundy. Delattre is Christine Scott, Piper's mousy and super-efficient secretary and Lundy, Peter Fletcher, the guy next door. The pair serve as the amateur, or possibly professional, detectives on the scene.

Such found art and second-hand clothing may seem perfectly suited to working class South Berkeley, but Watkins says she'd seek out the same earthy, everyday art even if she worked in a tonier city or neighborhood.

"I would do the same thing wherever I am," Watkins said, "because I can just see the beauty in a lot of ordinary things. I think our culture discards a lot of stuff that could be reused, or used dif-

ferently."

A prime example is Watkin's own "Earthquake Shield" that hangs on the wall. After the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, Watkins affixed shards of broken teacups, forgotten aluminum flip tops, old pictures and even plastic tableware from McDonald's to a wooden disk the size of a small beige manhole cover.

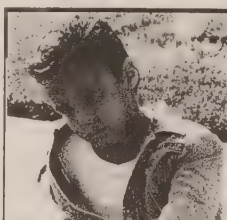
"I wanted to present a positive view of the natural disaster, that

the earth is speaking to us and we should listen," Watkins said. "To me it has a warmth about it that is not catastrophic."

Watkins went on to create a

series of shields infused with spiritual meaning. Ever the conservationist, Watkins saved the shav-

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Albany Hair Salon, formerly Giovanni's Hair Cutting, 1174 Solano Ave., owner is Rosalva Gutierrez, bought the salon in March, always wanting to own her own business. "It is a challenge for me but I love it," Gutierrez said.

As a teenager she always liked to cut hair for family members and close friends, trying to make people look good while gaining experience.

Becoming bored as a housewife, Gutierrez needed to expand her talents, so she became a cosmetologist and fulfilled her expectations acquiring her salon. A staff of three, including Gutierrez, are all stylists, with experience totaling 25 years. Micci Lindberg, Elsie Hernandez and Gutierrez are on hand to accommodate those who need haircuts, perms, color, facials, manicures, and eyebrow and face waxing.

The friendly staff greets and treats customers as family members. Appointments are not always necessary for both adults and children.

Gutierrez is the mother of three-year-old Edher and one-year-old Edwin. She spends her spare time with her husband, Rogelio, and their children doing "family things."

Gutierrez wants to let new

customers know consultations are given to assure the customer's satisfaction, sending them out of the salon happy and glad they chose her salon. The salon is open everyday: Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone 525-5153 for information or appointments.

Two chamber members are candidates

The Albany Chamber of Commerce has the policy of not endorsing candidates or issues. However, with two members running for public office, one for school board and the other for city council, we would like to be able to tell a bit about each.

Jewel Okawachi is a write-in candidate for Albany School Board and Michael Feiner seeks a seat on the City Council.

Okawachi is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, is a 21-year member, and is serving her 12th year as a board director. She was born and raised in Albany, graduated from Albany High School, and UC-Berkeley with a degree in psychology. Her three sons are also Albany High school graduates and all have graduated from universities.

During the years while her



Salon owner Rosalva Gutierrez with Micci Lindberg (seated).

sons were in school, she was active in the PTA at both High School and Marin School. She was PTA Council President, a recipient of the PTA Honorary Service Award, Continuing Service Award, and in 1995 was named Alameda County "Friend of Education" by the County Board of Education and Superintendent. Okawachi took an active part in her sons' activities, which included Cub and Boy Scouts, Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Albany Little League, to name a few. More recently she has been Chair of the Albany Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Council, is on the board of directors of the

Coalition for Teens, Albany Education Foundation, Friends of Albany Seniors, as well as the Chamber of Commerce. She is a 20-year member of Soroptimist International of Albany, of which she is a past president. Okawachi regularly attends the Parent Superintendent's Council and the High School Principal's Round Table.

As a 27-year Albany businesswoman, Okawachi feels with her business background and her years in the Chamber of Commerce, as well as her other activities in Albany, she would be able to serve the young people well. The Board of Education is a policymaking

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



body and one that must take fiscal responsibility seriously. It must serve the children by making sure they have good basic education when graduating from Albany High School. In addition to academic skills, they must learn other skills as discipline, responsibility, leadership and respect for one another.

Always having a good relationship between the school district and the city department heads, Okawachi knows she can make a difference when serving on the board. She has worked her adult life for, not only for her own children, but all children of Albany. She asks for your write-in vote that must state the office she is seeking (School Board), followed by her name, Jewel Okawachi.

Hoping to win a seat on the Albany City Council, Feiner has been representing the city as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner, presently chair, a member of the Albany Fiscal Task Force, Secretary to the Albany Ad Hoc Task Force on Electoral Reform, and is a two-

year member of the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

A nine-year Albany resident and business owner for 16 years, Feiner and his wife, Jennifer, have a two-year-old son. According to Feiner, he will continue to promote economic development and improved city services, is committed to schools and community building and consistently supports pro-environmental policies. He wants to ensure that basic city services such as police, fire and ambulance are adequately funded and maintained at peak readiness.

Senior Center All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner

On Sunday, Nov. 3, 3 to 6 p.m., the Friends of Albany Seniors will serve their "All You Can Eat" Pasta Dinner that includes salad, dessert, wine and coffee. The price is \$5.50 per person, and a \$2.50 charge for youngsters six or under. Tickets are available at the Chamber office or may be purchased at the door. The Senior Center is located at 846 Masonic Ave.

Clarification

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minimum that we have now.

A second claim that opponents of Measure H make is that through redevelopment the city has siphoned off millions of dollars that would go to the schools and other agencies. Again, this is simply not true. When a redevelopment project occurs, the property involved has an increase in its property tax called the tax increment. That increase does not exist without redevelopment. As part of the Redevelopment Plan for the city, the Redevelopment Agency by law must sign agreements with the school district, the county, and other agencies to provide them with a share of that tax increment.

In fact, what happens from redevelopment is that our school district and other agencies get more tax dollars from a redevelopment project than they would if no project happened. They benefit, which may explain why those agencies all supported our redevelopment efforts. Again, to use Target as an example, our

school district has not lost tax dollars because of the Target store, but has, in fact, received more tax dollars from that property than it would have gotten if the property had not been redeveloped.

Finally, opponents claim that the city's general fund has been used to "loan" money to the Redevelopment Agency. Again, that is simply not true. By law, the city cannot loan money to the Redevelopment Agency. No loans can or have been made.

We can and should debate the relative merits of redevelopment in our community. But that discussion should remain separate from the debate over the issues of how we fund our two basic services, police and fire. It is a disservice to the residents of our city for opponents of Measure H to try to defeat that measure by making claims or allegations about redevelopment. They should debate the issue of whether we have adequate fire service on its own merits. The reasons why they have not, I will leave to the reader to ponder.

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tuck Ave. 849-2568. Nov. 1: Salsa in Cafe Vox Populi. Nov. 2: Children's Program at 10:30 a.m. Discussion/ Hip Hop Concert at 8 p.m. \$5. Nov. 6: Open mic. poetry at 7:30 p.m. \$2 donation. Premiere of 30 min. video about World Bank, at 7:30 p.m. \$5.

Live Oak Theater. 1301 Shattuck Ave. Fri. and Sat. Through Nov. 16, and on Nov. 1: Actors Ensemble of Berkeley present *Other People's Money*, at 8 p.m. \$9.

Starry Plough Restaurant and Pub. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082. Music starts at 9:45 Friday and Saturday, 9:30 on Thursday. Traditional Irish music every Sunday starting at 8 p.m. Every Monday: Irish dance lessons at 7 p.m.,

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Trinity Chapel. 2320 Dana St. Nov. 2: Martha McCarroll, soprano and piano, at 8 p.m. \$8 suggested donation for general, \$5 suggested for students, senior.

University Theater Workshop. Nov. 7, 8, 9: *The Day Room*. 642-9925.

Yoshi's. 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200. All shows at 8 and 10 p.m. Through Nov. 3: Jimmy Rogers, Hubert Sumlin, Snooky Prior, Ted Harvey and Detroit Junior. \$18 Wed, Thur/ \$20 Fri, Sat, Sun. Nov. 4: CD release with Ian Dogole and Global Fusion Music. \$6.

Nov. 5: Eddie Gale and Rev. Yamato and the Global Peace Orchestra. \$10. Nov. 6-10: Rick Braun Band. \$15 Wed, Thur. \$18 Fri, Sat, Sun.

Zellerbach Hall. UC Berkeley campus. Nov. 2: Recital by Bryn Terfel at 2 p.m. \$28/\$36/\$42.

Religious activities

St. Alban's Episcopal Church. 1501 Washington Ave., 525-1716, celebrates Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m. Sundays, and on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 3: Rev. James Stickney will preach from Ephesians 1:11. Potluck breakfast at 9 a.m. with a collection of nonperishable food items for local food pantries. Evensong with the Tallis Singers at 4

p.m. **Chochmat Halev.** Classes on Ayn and Cheshed meditations, which arise out of the Jewish tradition, held 3 times per week. They are free. 704-9687.

Berkeley Hillel. 2736 Bancroft Way. 845-7793. Sundays: Israel Action Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. 845-9797 or 841-1687. Israeli Folk Dancing at 7:30 p.m. All welcome. Tuesdays: Jewish Student Union meeting at 7 p.m. Fridays: Eat bagels and talk with Rabbi Rona at 12 noon. Time TBA: Hebrew speaking session. 843-3833.

Nyngma Institute. 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. 843-6812. Love of Knowledge Program. **Sri Chinmoy Meditation Centre of-**

fers free meditation workshops in South Berkeley. 540-4114.

Exhibits

A New Leaf Garden Gallery. 1286 Gilman St. 525-7621. Through Nov. 10: Outdoor show of contemporary art.

Albany Community Center Gallery. Through Nov. 30: "Room at the Top," watercolors by Carol Fitzgerald.

Berkeley Art Center. 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park. Through Dec. 29: "Science Imagined," Artists' Book Exhibition.

Berkeley Public Library. West Branch, 1125 University. October: Contributions of African-American Women during World War II. 644-6870.

Berkeley Store Gallery. Silent Art Auction for AIDS Advocacy. Works by 60 established and emerging artists. Through Dec. 1. 2295 Shattuck Ave. 568-1680/655-9496.

Dharma Publishing Art Gallery. 2910 San Pablo Ave. 548-5407. Through April 26, 1997: Sacred Mandalas: The Art and Books of Tibet. \$5 general/ \$3 students, seniors/ under 12 free.

South Branch of the Berkeley Public Library. 1901 Russell St. and MLK Way. 644-6860. Through Oct. 31: "Holding the Fort: An Exhibit of African-American Historical Archaeology and Labor History in West Oakland."

John F. Kennedy University Arts and Consciousness Gallery. 2956 San Pablo Ave., 2nd Floor, Berkeley. Nov. 1-27: "The Quest for Inner Worlds" by Gordon Onslow-Ford. 254-0105.

Judah L. Magnes Museum. 2911 Russell St. 549-6950. Through Nov. 24: "Published Every Friday: The 100th Anniversary of the Jewish Bulletin." "Hot off the Press: Children's Hands-On Activities Area." The prize-winning tapes in the Third International Jewish Video Competition. Through April 1997: "Forging an Identity: The Art of the Yemenite Silversmith."

La Peña Cultural Center. 3105 Shattuck Ave. Nov. 2: *Die De Los Muertos* Art Exhibit opens in cafe. Nov. 3: Meet the artists at 6 p.m.

Oakland Kaiser Center. 300 Lakeside Drive. Nov. 5, 1996-January 3, 1997: Quilt Show by East Bay Heritage Quilters, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Mezzanine Art Gallery. Free.

Off Center Gallery. 2136 Oxford St. Through Nov. 1: "Boy Art/Girl Art." 644-9695.

University Art Museum. 2626 Bancroft Ave. Through Dec. 1: *An Eternity of Forest: Paintings by Mbuti Women*. Through Dec. 31: *Tchai MATRIX*. The Gardens of Le Notre: Photographs by Becky Cohen. Through Nov. 24: Hans Hoffman and the New York School.

Support groups, self-help

Avatar Toastmasters. Thursdays: Public Speaking Skills and metaphysics come together. 2515 Hillel at Dwight, Berkeley, at 6:15 p.m., 643-7645, 848-6510.

East Bay Leads Club. Weekly meeting, Wednesdays at 7:45. Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. 601-6325.

People with Alzheimer's and related disorders welcome at Monday Enrichment Program sponsored by the Claremont Program. Music, dancing and fellowship. St. John's Church Center: 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 444-0243.

Catholic, Divorced, Widowed and Separated will meet the second and fourth Thursdays monthly at St. John the Baptist community center. 527-2148.

Conscious Connections: Meet other singles who value personal and spiritual growth. Second and fourth Saturdays, 8 p.m. 6333 Telegraph, Berkeley. 339-2605.

Consensus Brain Injury Rehab Center: Six-week communication and critical thinking skills classes meet Wed. and Fri. 10:30 a.m. to noon. 548-3830.

Emergency Services Program: The Easy Does It Emergency Services Program offers low fee emergency attendants, minor wheelchair repairs, and emergency wheelchair-accessible transportation to individuals with disabilities within the city limits of Berkeley. For more information call 845-5513, 464-8583 (TDD).

Fibromyalgia Support Group, fourth Tuesday of each month at Alta Bates, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Dr. Sylvia Plesh speaks on sleep problems. She is seeking volunteers for study. For information call 415-476-5881.

Healthwise for Life, an award-winning program designed to teach people about health problems common to older adults and how to care for those problems, will be held during November at Kaiser Oakland Medical Center, South Berkeley Senior Center and St. Joseph the Worker in Berkeley. 596-6176.

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■ Martin Snapp

The Ends Justify The Means — NOT! Wouldn't you hate to have what happened to Richard Jewell happen to you? Even though the FBI has cleared him of the Atlanta bombing, the poor guy's life is still ruined.

Well, it can happen to you. Just ask Moishe Pippick of Oakland.

That's not his real name. I'm not going to violate his privacy any more than it's already been violated. But he's a real person who is in real pain.

Here's what happened: Two weeks ago, Oakland City Councilmember Henry Chang's campaign sent out a hit-piece mailer attacking his opponent, Rena Rickles.

One of the sins it charged her with was this: "Rena Rickles works the system to allow her ex-felon client to operate a pawn shop in the middle of a struggling Oakland neighborhood."

And it went on to supply enough details to make it clear just which pawn shop (and, by inference, the identity of the owner) it was talking about.

The "ex-felon" they're talking about was Moishe. Trouble is, he isn't an ex-felon.

The truth is that in 1988, while the Cold War was still raging, Moishe was a recently arrived Jewish "refusenik" who had just escaped from the Gulag. But his family was still trapped in Russia, and the government was retaliating against them because of him. They weren't allowed to work, so there was no money for food.

Desperate to get some cash to send them, Moishe did a really stupid thing: He tried to steal some cigarettes from Cosco, hoping to resell them later.

Naturally, he was caught. He pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and was sentenced to two days of community service.

That's a whole lot less than being an "ex-felon." And five years later he received a full pardon.

But Moishe was ashamed of what he did — so much so, he never told his wife or little boy when they arrived here a few years later. So they never knew.

Not until Chang's campaign sent out his hit piece, that is. Now everyone knows.

How do you explain to a little boy the legal distinction between a felony and a misdemeanor? How do you tell him not to be ashamed of his father?

The hit piece, by the way, was the work of political gunlinger Kerry Hamill, who gained notoriety (of a sort) for the hit pieces she did for Bob Campbell against Barbara Lee in last spring's primary election.

And now she has another success: She's made a little boy cry.

Nice work, Kerry.

...

Meanwhile, this is the most depressing election since, well, the last one. Clinton gets more contemptible every day, and Dole gets more pathetic.

But I hope you won't let that keep you from voting. There are some crucial issues on the ballot, and you could make a real difference.

Take Oakland's Measure I, which would authorize safety repairs and upgrades of the city's most valued treasures, including the Library, the Museum, the Zoo, Dunsuir House, and Children's Fairyland. These aren't frills; this is the city's basic infrastructure.

Measure I has been hovering around 63 or 64 percent backing in the polls, but it still needs a few more percentage points to top the two-thirds necessary to pass.

If ever there was a ballot proposition that deserved our support, it's this one. Oakland has a reputation (sometimes deserved, sometimes not) for being a town that screws things up, the Raiders deal being the most recent example.

But this time they did it right. John Russo and Dick Spees — one Democrat, one Republican — got together and worked out a deal that takes the whole issue out of partisan politics.

If Measure I passes, the things that make Oakland a town worth living in will be put on a sound footing well into the next century.

If it doesn't pass, we're going to have some hard explaining to do to our children some day.

The same goes for a similar proposal in Berkeley. Measure S, which will provide seismic upgrades for Berkeley's historic downtown, including the Library. Any measure that has the support of both Shirley Dean and Ron Dellums must be doing something right. If you live in Berkeley, please vote yes on S.

But there's a state ballot proposition I hope you'll vote against: Prop. 209, the deceptively named "California Civil Rights Initiative," which would actually abolish affirmative action.

If this mean-spirited measure passes, it will be a slap in the face of every black person in this state. And that's exactly what we don't need right now.

Shame the politicians who are supporting it. And shame on us if it passes.

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Plaza

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can carry passing motorists straight through from San Pablo Avenue.

Changes have also been made in the orientation of the plan to Cerrito Creek. In the previous plan, a 3,000-square foot cinema had backed onto the creek. The team now believes a theater might "saturate" the market if plans for a cinema go through in the Del Norte BART area. A large plaza, with possible "civic" uses, is now designed next to the creek, providing an "anchor" for that side of the Plaza. It would be enhanced by a grouping of three or four restaurants that would face the creek and share parking with the interior stores.

One building designed for "large retail" could be converted into a cinema; it could also be built at the BART site. In either case, more parking would be needed.

A major concern for the community and the agency board is the future of the current Plaza merchants. Team representatives promised "flexibility in phasing" designed for a "minimum of disruption." Logan believes the current tenants could remain where they are until the front level is finished. They could then move to the front, where they could stay permanently if desired. Otherwise, they could move to the upper level center when that is completed.

New uses would include larger sporting goods, apparel and lifestyle tenants (like Cost Plus), as well as restaurants, Goto said, adding that all shops would be strategically interspersed.

"Sandwich shops and dry cleaners relate well with groceries," he said, for example.

Housing of 150-200 units is included in the plan and would enhance night activity, as would a major bookstore, Goto said.

When asked what kind of experience the team has, Goto said that, among other things, Terranomics is currently working on "the most complex Redevelopment plan in northern California," the creation of a 28-acre shopping center in East Palo Alto. That city "has no money," he said. Home Depot has initially financed the project, which calls for "a lot of condemnation" of both residential and commercial properties.

Bilak plan questioned

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finds the greatest advocate for keeping city government on the course it is currently pursuing.

Feiner has made economics the staple of his campaign. A strong advocate of redevelopment as a means of increasing city revenue, he also supports the current council's position on the appointment and removal of citizen volunteers and is a strong supporter of Measure R. In keeping with Albany tradition, Feiner estimates he has caloused his knuckles on "a few thousand" doors, and says he will spend approximately \$2,500 on his campaign.

Ely, on the other hand, has staked out positions furthest from the current council. As one of Measure R's strongest opponents, he has gone so far as to attack it in his campaign literature, and calls it an example of the need for greater public input in city government.

"There's a whole bunch of things people want to know that haven't been addressed," Ely says. He would also approach redevelopment with a great deal of caution, saying, "There's no guarantee you'll come out ahead." Ely says he will spend approximately \$1,200 on his campaign and has knocked on perhaps 1,000 doors.

While incumbent Bob Good has been a rather high-profile voice of dissent on many of the political issues facing the city during the past few years, on the more day-to-day matters he falls somewhere between Feiner and Ely.

Although he voted against the cardroom and against the four city-sponsored initiatives relating to appointed versus elected officials and the removal of citizen volunteers, Good has gone along with the council on the more

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sion, I think they were still thinking about a range. By the next meeting, they had settled on the \$75 figure. I'm not sure what happened in between."

Whatever the origin of the \$75 figure, it has become a rallying point for opponents of Measure H. Before her death, community activist Beverly Gent, known for her interest in keeping taxes down, said that she would not have opposed a \$75 assessment, while at the same time mounting an opposition campaign to the ballot measure as written.

Last week, the board of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce made its opposition to Measure H official, again concentrating on the specific amount to be assessed, as well as the fact that there is no sunset clause to the assessment district and that it may rise annually according to the Cost of Living Index.

In its opposition statement, the Chamber board said that Measure H "places an unnecessary burden on businesses and citizens alike" and is "excessive in every respect."

According to Chamber manager Sewall Glinternick, the board does not argue with the fact that some assessment may well be needed to partially "replace the loss" of sales taxes that resulted from the closure of the Emporium.

"That task force spent an awful lot of time looking things over and came to the conclusion that the city has no fat in it," he said. "The city is a bare bones operation; there's no doubt about it. But it seems sufficient for this city at this time."

The Chamber's board of directors sees Measure H as "clearly a case of using a steam roller to kill a fly," as stated in its official opposition.

The board believes \$75 would have been a "modest" approach that would both meet the threat posed to city revenues and enhance city services, restoring needed flexibility to the city's general fund.

Democratic Club.

Harvey J. Thompson, III

Thompson, 50, a bus driver and student at San Francisco State University, plans to cut costs at AC Transit.

Thompson emphatically opposes JJ. He objects to parcel taxes in general, and believes safety and cleanliness are not major problems for AC Transit.

"All those efforts (campaigning for JJ) should have been spent on going to Sacramento and getting those legislators to fund AC Transit," Thompson said.

Thompson would save money by cutting middle management and eliminating duplicated service like the transbay route. He favors a full merger with BART.

While Thompson is not convinced that AC Transit's deficit is growing as quickly as some reports indicate, he does favor raising revenues.

Thompson favors a gas tax of "pennies on the gallon." He also shares Hawley's hope that schools will help support mass transit, monetarily and otherwise.

Schools could provide security monitors, Thompson

Dorian Bilak came up for a number of pointed questions from agency board members. Bilak and his family own about half the Plaza, excluding the Long's Drug's site, a small service station site, the old Emporium building and its adjacent parking lot.

Bilak basically repeated the plan he had first submitted to the city for renovating the plaza and bringing in Wal-Mart and Safeway as major anchors. He believes his plan is preferable because Wal-Mart will attract new business and new tenants to the plaza and because existing tenants will not be moved from their present sites.

"They don't want to close for a single day; they like where they are," he said.

Under Bilak's proposal, Wal-Mart would buy the current Emporium site, then sell it back to the plaza company over time. (Their preference is to own their own property, "particularly in California," according to a real estate representative for Wal-Mart.)

Ultimately, the El Cerrito Plaza Company would own the entire center, excluding the Long's property.

One of Wal-Mart's real estate brokers presented a short defense of the company which, he said, "is not always well-received" by communities at first. He assured the agency that "Wal-Mart would more than fill the void that the Emporium has left," providing both work for residents and bringing in new shoppers.

Agencymember Norma Jellison asked about "buying out the Lucky lease," since Bilak's plan would replace it with Safeway (the only of the seven proposals submitted to do so).

He said he had been "wrestling with that a lot" and that he was "not completely closed to making a deal with Lucky. I think we would like to stay" he said.

Agencymember Gina Brusatori later expressed her concern that Safeway had been at the plaza "for years." She sees the change to Lucky as abandonment of an existing tenant and noted that there is no Lucky in Albany or north Berkeley, where Safeway is already represented.

Bilak said there would have been a new Lucky at the Plaza "a year ago" except for problems generated by multi-ownership of the center. He did not say why Lucky is not part of his current plan.

Brusatori asked Bilak why his plan does not include strategies for evening activity. He said theaters proposed are larger the community would like, adding that he had called

meat-and-potatoes issues such as redevelopment and is a strong Measure R supporter.

After serving for the past two-and-a-half years as vice-mayor, Good seems a likely choice for the mayor's seat if he wins. He says he would like to put his stamp on the city's General Plan so that it might include more parking and open space, and, as a strong environmentalist, would continue the trend of "green" politics in Albany.

"I think (the council) is going in a good direction," says Good, who has spent a paltry \$500 on his campaign. "I wouldn't make any significant changes."

While the above candidates have staked out relatively clear positions on the issues, many at the heart of city politics complain that school board member Peggy Thomsen has been somewhat less than decisive on where she stands.

With the proposed middle school still a festering sore for many, Thomsen finds herself in the unique position of stepping from a school board which has taken a great deal of heat for the project to a city government which has found the board to be somewhat less-than-cooperative.

"I think part of it is that people do not understand that the school board is a separate legislative body," says Thomsen, adding that her fellow board members encouraged her to run because they feel she understands their position.

As for other city issues, Thomsen says she would promote a research park as a means of raising revenue and deflects criticism that she is not one willing to take a stand.

"I like to listen to people before I take action," she

a number of theater operators to gauge their interest. In addition, Bilak believes a theater would "completely" require "significant" when "the city doesn't want to see a sea of parking."

He said plans for an "amphitheater" near Cerrito Creek, which would allow for public entertainment, might encourage some evening activity.

Agencymember Jane Bartke asked about a "cultural center" "up and out" to Fairmount, a cultural center where motorists would pass by plaza shops and, hopefully, patronize them. Bilak said that there will be a series of stores facing each side. When Bartke asked how the center would still be "as easy to avoid as it is now," Bilak answered, "We'd do this on a pedestrian scale."

There was also some agency reaction against proposed rooftop parking on top of Wal-Mart and Bilak said his plan has enough available parking without that inclusion.

Bilak came in for serious questioning concerning current and anticipated upkeep of the center's infrastructure.

"A number of tenants have told me they do have problems, they do have sewage problems, they do have problems with the existing infrastructure," said Bilak, sharing a concern echoed by other agency members: you telling me there's no problem?"

In an earlier response, Bilak had said that "when we were taken care of whenever a building became a new tenant was moving in; he had also said he would have any tenant wishing to upgrade.

Jellison asked Bilak how he intended to let tenants know where they are — if that meant he would not let them physical structures, heating, plumbing... up to the roof."

(Most other developers plan to take down the old building and start over; most would move the tenants to other parts of the plaza while that work is going on, then return the desired.)

Again, Bilak denied that "the existing infrastructure" lot of the problems you're talking about."

Bilak's broker said the need to come up to modern standards could be addressed with the addition of an exterior pizzazz — maybe some windows. "He did address interior design issues, other than to say buildings have sprinklers and are of "sound structure"

says. "Each issue I take by itself and pay attention to," Thomsen says she will spend approximately \$1,000 on her campaign.

While Feiner tops the list of council spenders, on Measure R campaign has gone one further, spending approximately \$3,000. The campaign has seenations of everything from violation of the Political Reform Act to a hard-to-believe claim by Albany Hillman Leont Rimov that a debate on the measure was held in support of the measure and even some opponents crying more level-headed campaign.

"I think a lot of the 'No' arguments are just deflections," says Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, who has himself accused of voting illegally on the matter because he owns land on the hill. Brodsky said Sunday night he'd talked with the attorney from the state Fair Practices Commission who originally cleared him, and that she reiterated the legality of the measure.

According to the FPCC's spokesman, a long-awaited letter on the matter is currently being cleared. Should be arriving this week. He would not say what decision it contained.

"If people are in favor of these things and will pay for them, they should vote 'Yes' (on Measure Brodsky says. "It's a question of what things are a tant."

Both sides say the word on the street is the majority of city residents will support their position. While a City Council poll predicted 76 percent say this summer, the extent to which that approval has swayed by the rather heated campaign remains to be

as a committee previous to that we were definitely considering a higher fire assessment district.

"Frankly, I think we were frightened by the possibility that it wouldn't pass (at a higher level); that was the consideration," she said. "It was not a reflection of our city really needs."

Brad Cafel, who chairs El Cerrito Neighbors Together, a committee formed to support Measure H, agrees and notes that "several members of the council and many members of the full task force agree that a is a needed amount."

Cafel does not believe the fire department will if the measure does not pass. He does believe, however, that general services may be cut in order to keep the fire going if the real property transfer tax of next week's election.

"This seems to be the time to say, 'Let's hold on and keep services from being cut further, as we're restoring services lost (including safety services and state revenue takebacks).'"

Cafel believes the \$125 will fund improvements including "important fire safety measures, such as Hillsdale Natural Area."

He referred to improvements Outright has called for the safety of roads, vegetation and water supply.

"Hundreds of thousands of dollars are needed to do that, and the city doesn't have the funds," said Cafel, that, and the city doesn't have the funds."

Among other public safety issues to be addressed is the seismic safety of the Public Safety Building, which is a communications center during a disaster. If it collapses, everyone will lose — and the condition of the El Cerrito Community Center, designated as an Emergency Operations Center for the city.

"There's no generator, no equipment to support needs and to help the center play that role."

"Where will the money come from?"

"There are many public safety needs in this area. There's a pretty impressive list. This seemed to be the way of raising funds for these things at this time."

Tam hopes to focus on what he considers a service — routes that are not duplicated by BART — not at the same time.

"Night owl" service must be restored, Tam says, because many East Bay riders use it to get to work and school. Midday routes and some feeder lines are thinned, he said.

Tam hopes to liberate AC Transit from the coordination with BART that largely determines schedules. Tam advocates investigating the possibility of subsidizing paratransit with concurrent "respite" service for able-bodied passengers in underserved areas, costing \$3 to \$4 per ride. Tam called Transit to study whether new paper technology could make such a service economical.

Tam is endorsed by Berkeley City Councilmember Maudele Shirek and Dona Spring, former Councilmember Don Jelinek, the East Bay League of Conservation, Berkeley Citizens Action, and City Councilmember Worthington.

Transit

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seeks greater coordination is between AC Transit buses. Most bus transfers are to other buses, Hawley pointed out, and not to BART.

Hawley favors saving transbay service in spite of suggestions that BART covers the same territory. She cited great public support for the service, which she said differs from BART's in that transbay buses originate from a greater variety of East Bay locations.

Hawley said she would increase ridership by making buses safer and more comfortable. Hawley supports Measure JJ as a "very small and modest measure" which would help accomplish this goal.

Hawley said she would consider raising fares gradually. When discounts are taken into account, Hawley said, the average ride costs only 65 cents.

Hawley is endorsed by Mayor Shirley Dean and former mayor Loni Hancock, most of the Berkeley City Council, Supervisor Keith Carson, the Alameda and Contra Costa Central Labor Councils, the Green Party and the Berkeley

said, freeing drivers who now spend part of their time looking after child riders. Thompson would encourage PTAs to provide parent or teacher volunteers to help with boarding.

Thompson said he is supported by several executive board members of Local 192, the bus drivers and maintenance workers union. He refuses to solicit official endorsements, however, for fear of infighting.

"I know the politics of AC Transit," Thompson said. "They'll take it out on those individuals (who endorse him)."

David Tam

David Tam, 56, an environmental consultant, may have been the most devoted mass transit devotee until last Saturday, when he bought his first automobile. Given that it was a 1977 VW bus, Tam may still be counting on AC Transit anyway.

As a bus rider, Tam considers speed and convenience more important than comfort or safety. He's therefore a "critical supporter" of JJ like his competitors, and believes that fellow commuters share his view.



LOWELL COHN

Rozier Test shows Warriors' season won't be rosy

Bad teams have to make bad choices, and this is the case with the Golden State Warriors. To understand their situation, you first have to learn about something called the Rozier Test. Depending on the results, it will tell you everything you need to know about the current state of Golden State.

The Rozier Test refers to Clifford Rozier, third-year center for the Warriors. There are worse players in the league with summer attitudes, but there aren't many of them.

When you play basketball with Rozier's attitude, you usually don't play basketball very long. Maybe you end up driving a truck or replacing spark plugs or flipping burgers. No, I take that back. Guys who drive trucks or replace plugs or flip burgers work hard for their money. Rozier doesn't work hard. He's stealing the \$2.3 million he's due to earn the next two seasons.

He is legendary for being the first player out the door after practice. The pea hasn't stopped vibrating in coach Rick Adelman's whistle, and there's Rozier sailing out of the gym like someone fleeing a place with a bad smell.

One highly-respected general manager had this assessment of Rozier's ability and commitment. "I was never impressed with his game. He is not a good offensive player. He doesn't work at his game. He just doesn't."

Now, that's what you call a ringing endorsement.

If you're just going through the motions of playing, you don't try to kick off the coach. Don't tell Rozier, who's always expounding on what a dud Adelman is.

After a recent exhibition game, Rozier said of Adelman, "Small hands mess with people. I'm concentrating on what's going on in the court. That's what he could do."

Let's linger over those statements. If Rozier is concentrating on the court, how come he averaged 3.1 points and 0.5 rebounds last season? How come he's always saying foolish things? And how come it took him two full seasons to get into shape. He used to be as soft as a marshmallow. Now, at least, he has only one chin.

So this is the Rozier Test. If the Warriors open the season on Friday with this joker on the roster, you know they're in trouble. Todd Fuller is a rookie, and they've already moved him out of Rozier. Rony Seikaly is playing time in Miami running his own laundry, and even Rozier is ahead of Rozier. (More on Seikaly in a minute.) You get the picture. Adelman's mother-in-law is ahead of Rozier.

Seikaly's beef

OK, so that's the Rozier Test. What about Seikaly? This guy loves the Warriors so much, he'd let them if he could get away from it.

But it's almost impossible to understand Seikaly's beef against the Warriors, who want to make him their starting center, for the sake of the team.

The Warriors are virtually the NBA team Seikaly could dream of. If you doubt that, understand that there's no interest in him around the league. The Warriors tried like mad to trade him during the offseason and didn't even exchange him for a basketball and a second-hand

Seikaly is an intriguing case.

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Grace Harbo serves up another winner for Cougars in the team's quest for third straight ACCAL volleyball title.

Albany poised to take title

Cougars looking for three-peat in ACCAL

By Mac Montandon

Perhaps Albany girls volleyball's most remarkable achievement is its ability to keep the matches exciting, even when the outcome is rarely in question.

The Cougars did it again last Tuesday, as they rolled over a pretty decent Piedmont team 15-2, 15-8, 15-4, in an Alameda Contra Costa County Athletic League match.

At 23-5 overall, and 8-0 in league play, the Cougars are poised to start the ACCAL playoffs having matched last year's perfect league record.

Barring a major upset in any of their last three matches, Albany will be the first seed when the playoffs take place November 12-16 at Alameda High.

Piedmont (7-1 league), undefeated in ACCAL matches prior to Tuesday, will battle Holy Names (8-1 league) tomorrow for the second seed.

Holy Names' one league loss came from Albany as well. The Cougars beat the Monarchs on October 10.

The win against Piedmont secured at least a top seed for Albany. The top two teams in the league standings receive a bye during the first round of playoffs.

There is a chance Piedmont and

Albany could meet again when the post-season commences. That can't be good news for the Highlanders.

"We knew this was one of the toughest teams in the league," Cou-

eight kills. On one play, she raced down the right sideline and drove the ball at an improbable across-court angle for a kill.

A mild storm

While in control throughout, the Cougars did weather a mild Piedmont storm in the second game. Down 12-1, the Highlanders fought back to 13-8, before Albany put them away.

Piedmont was led by middle hitters Kelley Boyle and Michelle Kiszewski. Boyle pounded her way to five kills, while Kiszewski had four.

"They made a short run in the second game, so we had to pick it up again," Harbo explained.

With these Cougars, it seems it is just a matter of them deciding to pick up their game when an opponent even suggests a challenge.

Just about everyone on Albany's deep bench contributed to the win. Lindsay Watty turned in a marvelous performance in coming up with 38 assists, and five aces.

The Watty-to-Harbo connection is starting to have a nice ring to it. Middle blocker Sara Ness also had a fine match, registering six kills, three aces and five blocks.

Afterwards, Albany coach Konrad Ott had another chance to

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1996 VOLLEYBALL ACCAL Standings As of October 30

Team	League Record
ALBANY	9-0
Holy Names	9-1
Piedmont	7-1
De Anza	7-2
Alameda	5-4
EL CERRITO	6-3
St. Elizabeth	5-5
St. Joseph	4-5
Encinal	3-7
Salesian	2-8
Richmond	1-6
St. Mary's	1-8
Kennedy	0-9

gar middle hitter Charity Harbo said Tuesday, "So we tried to come out strong, and keep it up the whole time."

Harbo helped lead an exuberant Albany squad. The Cougars positioned themselves expertly in making several acrobatic kills.

A perfect 12 of 12 on serves for the match, Harbo also contributed

Berkeley gets a shot at EBAL title against Amador

By Mac Montandon

Berkeley football produced an effective, businesslike win over San Ramon Valley last Friday in an East Bay Athletic League contest.

The only things missing from the Yellowjackets' repertoire were the tan raincoats favored by

Wall Street types, as a steady mist fell over the field on MLK Boulevard.

Running back Devin Martin led the way on a sore ankle.

Still hobbling after nearly a month-long injury, Martin proved he is better on one and a half legs than most backs are on two. He ran for 205 yards on 24 carries, and scored three touchdowns.

Afterwards, Berkeley coach Joe Martin, elated over his team's fourth consecutive win, called Martin the best high school back he has ever coached.

"He's doing all that at 50%," Martin marveled. "A lot of parents would be extremely proud to have a kid like that. He's been through a lot personally, and he just keeps doing his job."

On the field, Martin's job is to help the Jackets put the ball over the goal line more times than the other team.

The first time he touched the ball on Friday, Martin disappeared into the Wolves' secondary quicker than the afternoon sun behind dark clouds.

Cutting sharply on the artificial turf, Martin exploded up the middle, running almost untouched for a 63-yard touchdown. The dash put Berkeley up 7-0, and set an early feeling for the game.

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Panthers playing for pride

By John Gardella

St. Mary's High football coach Dan Shaughnessy has coached for 38 years. He's had some great teams, some mediocre ones and a few he'd like to forget about.

He's never, however, in nearly four decades of coaching high school football, been beaten the way his Panthers (4-3, 3-2 ACCAL) got beat Friday by De Anza High.

"We lost that game as soon as we took the field," Shaughnessy said. "I should have known it would be a bad day when the bus didn't show and we had to drive there (El Sobrante) in cars."

The Dons (6-1, 4-1 ACCAL) scored 40 first-half points en route to a 60-22 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League win.

"In 38 years of coaching, no one has ever done that to one of my teams," Shaughnessy said of De Anza's 60 points.

Self respect

With chances for a North Coast

Section playoff bid diminished, Shaughnessy said his team's performance the rest of the season is a matter of pride.

"We have to put the loss behind us," the long-time coach and school athletic director said. "All of us were upset, but we got it off of our chest Monday at practice."

"I'm trying to be realistic and pragmatic. We are out of the playoff picture. Now, we are playing for self-respect."

Three ACCAL teams make the NCS playoffs. El Cerrito (7-0, 6-0 ACCAL) and Encinal (7-0, 5-0 ACCAL) are two of the teams.

De Anza has a one-game lead over the Panthers and has beaten SM on the head-to-head factor.

The Dons would have to lose two of their last three games and the Panthers would have to sweep their remaining contests to be the third team to go to the playoffs.

Shaughnessy was blunt in summing up his team's chances: "For

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STANDINGS & RESULTS EBAL Football

Team	League	Overall
Amador	2-0	7-0
Berkeley	2-0	5-2
California	1-1	4-2-1
Monte Vista	1-1	2-5
San Ramon	0-2	4-3
Livermore	0-2	1-6

RESULTS

Berkeley 38, San Ramon 15
Amador 27, Monte Vista 6
California 12, Livermore 7

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m.

Monte Vista at Livermore
California at San Ramon
Berkeley at Amador

Berkeley coach Joe Martin is looking to take sole possession of EBAL this week.

Jeff Lindquist

Cougars blanked at BOD

By Mac Montandon

A festive Alumni Day crowd mingled among heavy winds last Saturday at Bishop O'Dowd. Festive that is for the Dragons, not the visiting Albany Cougars.

Before the non-league football game against Albany,

a long line of past and present O'Dowd players waited for grilled

hot dogs and hamburgers.

Dragon supporters seemed as concerned over the outcome of the game, as they might be when deciding which condiments to put on their food.

As it turned out there was little reason for O'Dowd fans to worry. The party continued on the field, as the Dragons packed all their scoring into the middle quarters, and rolled over an undermanned Albany team, 47-0.

By halftime, when O'Dowd led

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Gauchos subdue Oilers

By John Gardella

Cerrito High coach Frank Milo pulls his first-string players earlier and earlier, but the results stay the same.

Milo gave his starters the rest of the night off with 10 minutes remaining

in the second quarter Friday against Richmond when the score was 28-0 in El Cerrito's favor.

The Gauchos still rolled up 50 points without the aid of just one aerial touchdown.

"I would like a close game," Milo said after his team improved to 7-0, 6-0 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League. "I don't want to get to the point where we are embarrassing someone."

It hasn't been easy considering the El Cerrito juggernaut has yet to encounter an equal opponent.

Although he would like a close game to test his team's mettle, Milo

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Ben Gerbacio scored twice in rout at De Anza.

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He's charming and warm, but there is another side to him: Selfish Rony. He can't understand why he doesn't get 25 shots a game, even though he's playing on a team with great shooters like Latrell Sprewell, Mullin, Smith, Mark Price.

He's often griped to Warriors management that he can't comprehend his role.

This complaint falls under the category of Baloney. Seikaly comprehends his role perfectly well — post up, rebound, play defense. The problem is, he doesn't like his role.

Seikaly, you see, wants to be the Warriors offensive star. He's even grumped after victories that he didn't touch the ball enough times — always in whispers, always talking

out the side of his mouth like some scam artist at Times Square selling fake Rolexes. He must know there isn't a team in the league that would give him 25 shots.

So you can only assume that Seikaly is delusional, although this doesn't bother the Warriors. And now we come to their second test, the Seikaly Test. They are willing to suffer the indignity of taking him back even though he can't stand them. Honest. In fact, they fully expect him to return to the fold, and when he does, they will welcome him with open arms. Because — and repeat this all together — they have nothing better.

So those are the Warriors tests.

We'll know they've finally arrived at respectability when they never have to face demeaning choices like these again.

Albany

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deliver what is becoming a familiar assessment of his squad.

"I'm very pleased with all my players' efforts," Ott said, "I'm confident we'll finish the regular season undefeated, and keep playing well. It's what we've been building toward."

Ott said at the beginning of the season that the team's goal was to win the state championship.

Now ranked 10th in the state by the CIF rating gurus, Albany has the title in its sight as the schedule nears the final month. The CIF State Championships are played December 5-7.

It could almost get dull, this

dominant predictability.

And yet, Ott's team doesn't let that happen.

The Cougars' closeness on the court becomes a well-timed, though vigorous, leaping performance of unlikely dives and twists.

Silently, they pass behind themselves, trusting a teammate will be there to finish the play. When the point is scored, the gym fills with shrieks and grunts. It is a wonderfully rhythmic thing to see.

Albany plays today at Encinal, then completes the regular season next week. The Cougars host El Cerrito on Tuesday, then travel to Kennedy on Thursday.

Discount deadline today for EC Youth Baseball sign-ups

Today is the last day to save on sign-ups for the El Cerrito Youth Baseball 1997 season.

ECYB players can save \$20 by registering by October 31. Cost before discount is \$85 for residents, \$100 for non-residents.

Families are required to volunteer 10 hours to the program or pay an additional \$100 non-participation fee.

For registration packets call 237-3201. Deadline for registration is Jan. 4. There will be no sign-ups during tryouts.

Registration can be done at Poinsett Park Clubhouse, 5611 Poinsett Ave.

Tryouts are in January, start February and games start March. Games are usually Saturdays and Sundays and play in July and August.

Children with birthdays from 1, 1988 through July 31, 1996 are encouraged to sign up for the League. Qualified volunteer coaches are also needed.

Panther harriers shoot for state

By John Gardella

The CIF state meet is still a ways away, but the St. Mary's High School cross country team is starting to move into high gear.

The Panther boys improved to 10-1 overall, 6-0 in league, with a 18-45 win over St. Joseph and a 22-39 victory over Alameda at Tilden Park in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League tri-meet.

The Panther girls' had similar success, enjoying a 15-50 win over St. Joseph. Their ACCAL record improved to 3-2. They lost to Alameda, 48-16.

The Panthers' boys squad ran without its fourth, seventh and eighth runners who missed the meet for a variety of reasons, coach Francis Mason said.

"There are some injuries and we had midterms," Mason said. "It's a question of getting everyone back."

We continue to hang on and hope Exams took their toll on us. A number of kids' GPAs are raising but they spend two or three hours a day studying."

Mike Arp, who has run at the 1 spot all season, led the team to win the 3.1-mile race in a 17:44.

Panther runners Justin Smith placed third (18:22) and Ben Smith placed fifth overall (18:26).

Ellen O'Day placed the girls, finishing sixth with a (26:30).

"We are getting to the point where we want to be at," Mason said. "Fully, we can get back in gear and some real solid practices in. Three guys have to run well. That's a question of getting players. We simply have to get focused and run well."

The Panthers run against El Cerrito today.

Berkeley

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The rest of the day was marked by the Jackets' ability to find openings, both in the air and on the ground, and San Ramon's ineffectiveness in that department.

The Wolves' leading rusher, Matt Johns, was limited to 21 yards running. Johns was able to turn a screen pass from quarterback Aaron Becker into a 74-yard scoring play, but by that time it was already 30-7 Jackets in the third quarter.

San Ramon coach Dave Kravitz reduced the game to its most fundamental elements. "They beat us at the line of scrimmage, they controlled the

line," Kravitz said. "We just weren't tackling, they were. They beat us flat out."

Berkeley's ability to control the line resulted in one of their most impressive drives of the season. Up 22-7 at halftime, the Jackets opened the third quarter with the ball at their 20-yard line. They proceeded to go on a 12 play, 80-yard scoring drive, which Martin finished off with an 8-yard run.

On third and 11 from their own 42, Jacket quarterback Larry Young found tight end John Vogler for an 11-yard pass to keep the drive going.

On the sideline, coach Martin was clearly pleased with the drive.

"That was a 12-play drive, gentlemen," the coach repeatedly shouted, congratulating an offensive line that deserves a good notice. The line regularly created openings for Martin, and Johnny Smith, who ran for 108 yards on just seven carries.

On passing plays the line formed stable pockets for Young, while allowing one sack. One other story: The Ariel Herzog watch continues.

Two weeks removed from his game-winning catch against Skyline, the Jacket receiver turned a simple out pattern pass from Young into a 63-yard zigzagging run on Friday.

A wide-eyed Herzog was all re-

tainer after his score, as teammates mobbed the smiling wideout. How can you not root for a kid who wears his retainer under his mouthpiece?

Not known for his breakout speed, Herzog still managed to cross the goal line before the Wolves' secondary could catch him. Berkeley offensive coordinator Leo Biedermann could be heard muttering, "If they (the Wolves) can't catch Ariel, they can't catch a cold."

That may have been San Ramon's greatest claim, considering the frigid conditions last Friday.

The Jackets (5-2, 2-0 EBAL) play at Amador Valley tomorrow night, in what figures to be a tough, league game.

Panthers

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all intents and purposes, we are out of it."

St. Mary's hosts Encinal Saturday. "Encinal easily beat De Anza and (the Jets) haven't allowed a point in nine quarters, so we have to be realistic about our chances," Shaughnessy said.

De Anza scored six of the first seven touchdowns Friday.

Dons running back Larry Parker scored four touchdowns and rushed for 125 yards as De Anza's offense totaled 481 yards. Parker scored the game's first two touchdowns giving the Dons an early 13-0 lead.

After SM's Ben Gerbacio scored on an 87-yard kickoff return, the Dons ran off 27 unanswered points before Gerbacio scored his second touchdown on a 65-yard pass reception.

The score at intermission: 40-16. You could have drawn the curtain on the Panthers' playoff drive when the halftime whistle sounded.

Shaughnessy was philosophical about the game and the season.

"De Anza graduates everybody and I get everyone back. We've beaten them the last couple of times and this allowed them to get all that frustration out of the way. It was a well-deserved win."

Gauchos

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doesn't mind giving playing time to the backups. "I think it's good practice for them and it gets them ready for the last two games of the season."

If El Cerrito gets challenged in regular season play, it will be in the season's final two weeks when the Gauchos host Encinal and De Anza.

With a bye week coming up, Milo scheduled a non-league game against Marin Catholic.

"Marin has a solid football program," Milo said. "It's predominantly a junior team. They do a lot of things offensively. They're big across the front and they like to control the ball."

"Whether the final score will mirror other El Cerrito finals, or allow the starting unit to stay on the field and play a close game, remains to be seen.

But the way the Gauchos are clicking on both sides of the ball, a safe bet

would be the former.

The Gauchos jumped out to a 42-6 half time lead Friday.

Tight end Donny Davis opened up the El Cerrito scoring parade with a 25-yard touchdown catch. Fullback Eddie Dyer followed that with a 3-yard touchdown run and a fumble recovery in the end zone, giving EC an early 21-0 lead.

Running back Antoine Lacy, the area's leading rusher, was relatively quiet, rushing for just 69 yards on eight carries. The senior did manage to score the starting unit's final touchdown on nifty 38-yard run.

Quarterback George Phillips was 4 of 5 passing for 90 yards and touchdown. Dyer rushed just three times for 15 yards and two touchdowns and Davis reeled in just one reception for a score.

Dan Ursini was a perfect 6 for 6 on PATs. That was the extent of the starting unit's production for the evening. It was more than enough.

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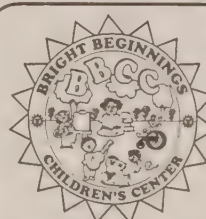
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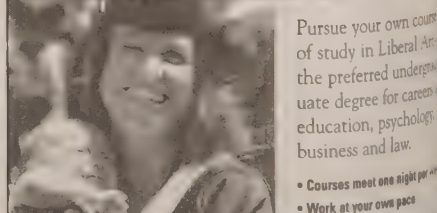
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Jack Hoyt Architects

In his creation at the Spring Estate Gate House, architect Jack Hoyt replaced the carport using smaller supporting Doric columns. He then gave the home a walled garden in place of a grapestake fence.

Gate house classically restored

By Aidan Harty

Around 1912 East Bay architectural luminary John Hudson Thomas designed Berkeley's Spring Mansion with its Gate House.

Although the mansion survived the decades that followed relatively intact, the gate house was not so fortunate. Subject to the whims of its various owners and at times falling into disrepair, Thomas's design slowly eroded over time.

Only in 1993 were efforts made to restore some of the home's lost character. At that time the owners, Jim and Barbara Gordley, asked Berkeley Architect Jack Hoyt to develop a design, in the classical style, which would once again give the home a "presence on the street."

Hoyt stepped in to complete a project dormant for over ten years. In the early 1980s, shortly after buying the house, the Gordleys hired Architect Thomas Gordon-Smith to draft a plan with the same objective.

According to Hoyt, Gordon Smith "discovered the classic

origins of John Hudson Thomas's original design in the archives of Wurster Hall and used it as the basis for his schematic design."

Although impressed with Gordon Smith's innovative approach, the Gordleys felt that his plan was beyond their budget. In addition the house needed a lot of basic repairs before such a project could even be considered.

Despite shelving the plan for practical reasons, the Gordleys fostered a real sense of their home's potential. Barbara Gordley, who holds a Ph.D. in art history, was particularly taken with the baroque overtones Gordon Smith gave his design.

"I've always loved Baroque architecture. This was a kind of baroque solution that appealed to me very much. It's an odd mix of baroque and early 19th Century style, but it works," she said.

"Gordon-Smith is known for postmodern architecture with real classical inferences," said Kevin Gill, managing architect at Jack Hoyt Architect and

Associates. Though he uses classical elements he often turns them upside down in a playful way that upsets expectations.

This was no less true of his presentation to the Gordleys where, according to Gill, "he came up with some really wild stuff."

In 1993, when the time came to remodel, Gordon Smith, now chairman of the Architecture Department at the University of Notre Dame, was no longer available.

At the Gordley's request Jack Hoyt looked at Gordon-Smith's schematics to see if he could come up with design solutions within their budget.

"When they came to us and showed us Gordon-Smith's idea they at least knew the language they were looking for," said Gill. Hoyt, however, gave the project a more practical spin. He toned it down and used traditional colors and more elegant details. He developed a more "regionally inspired project."

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Previously, a nonworking spouse could only contribute up to \$250 annually to a spousal IRA, while a working spouse could contribute up to \$2,000 annually (\$2,250) per household. Individuals are still limited to \$2,000 for annual contributions to an individual IRA.

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By extending the steps out from the front door and adding Doric columns, with a trellis, Hoyt created an inviting entry way and a public/private space.

Estate...

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One of the Gordley's priorities for Hoyt's remodel was creating an adequate entry way. When they first bought the house the front door opened directly on to San Antonio from the living room.

By extending the steps out from the front door and adding Doric columns, with a trellis, Hoyt created an inviting entry way and a public/private space. The west and north facades also received trellis and column additions.

The program also included replacing both the carport and the existing grapestake fence. The supporting columns used in the carport were smaller versions of the classic Doric columns used at each of the three entryways. Hoyt gave the home a walled garden in place of the fence.

The roof structure on the

carport was inspired by Maybeck's Christian Science Church and Escherick's entry to the Pelican building on UC Berkeley campus. Both entryways are faced with long timber spans and supported by columns with 'classic references.'

Hoyt managed to deliver on most of Gordon-Smith's idea—with the exception of two expensive elements in the design: rehanging the roof and centering the large second-story window.

Aidan Harty is a freelance writer who lives in El Cerrito.

The man behind the house

By Aidan Harty

John H. Spring was an entrepreneur who marketed residential properties Berkeley's Thousand Oaks during the early part of the century.

To attract buyers Spring built his home in the area, a task he assigned noted East Bay Architect John Hudson Thomas.

John Hudson Thomas was known for his eclectic style, and his design for the Spring Estate Mansion used an original blend

of European influences. One possible source is the Achilleon, the palace of Elizabeth of Austria on Corfu. With its 20 acres of gardens, a swimming pool and a tennis court, Spring used the mansion as a promotional device.

Spring lived in his mansion only a few years, selling it after his divorce in 1918. Sixteen acres of the property were sold and subdivided, the house and the remaining land became the Cora L. Williams Institute of Creative Development.

Redoing a house in my dreams

Number 169 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Each night this week my last thoughts before falling asleep have been about a neglected old house. It's a nice old house and I can't stop thinking about what I would do to it if it were mine.

Paint. It does need paint. What color would I like inside? Gleaming white, the old green woodwork primed and painted several smooth coats, the edges crisp.

No, maybe not white. Maybe soft, pale yellow. Or a combination—the walls palest buttercream, the trim white. Yes, I see it, a rich, shiny white on the box beams, the wainscoting and the baseboards, and in the afternoon sun, the yellow will show itself.

I saw another house not long ago, the beautiful woodwork painted fresh, paper white, the walls a soft gray/khaki shade. The contrast was subtle, nice, the painting done well. Well-painted woodwork is almost palpable to me. I stood and stared at it for a long while.

The old house in my thoughts will need a lot of prep work before the paint is applied. There is staining on the ceilings from old roof and plumbing leaks, dusty and disheveled paper on some walls.

Someone removed the battens from the wood wainscoting, then applied wallpaper. It must be removed (I would enjoy doing this), the battens replaced to give the room interesting dimension again.

A carpenter will be needed to find the right material for the battens, to fit and cut them and nail them up. I could find someone to do this.

The energy I used to bring to house restoration, the ability to stay up until all hours eagerly working isn't mine anymore.

Years ago I'd be planning an attack on the painted wood in this house, thinking what chemicals and gloves I would need, but I will never strip paint or varnish from wood again.

It is a job I find tedious beyond words. Anyway, I think the wood in this house will be lighter and look better painted.

The hardwood floors need sanding. What a pleasant thought. They'll look clean and sleek, tawny, golden, lovely with the new paint, a bargain for the impact they will carry.

The windows need work. I just heard about a window man, someone who restores wooden windows, patiently providing whatever each needs. He removes the trim and replaces the weights and ropes, puts the glass.

I wonder how long it would take,

how much he would charge to make these windows whole again.

The kitchen needs everything. Uninteresting wooden, flat-faced cabinets were installed in the fifties or sixties, also counters of coral-colored laminate, a double v-shaped stainless steel sink, a metal sliding window.

These cause the kitchen to look foreign to the rest of the house, jarring.

The people who planned and paid to have the kitchen done must have liked it all clean and new. I can imagine them standing proudly at the doorway, saying "It's grand." But it isn't to me. And now it is worn and shabby too, I'll enjoy watching it go.

I toss around the thought of tearing everything back to the studs, immediately switch to doing nothing but painting, try out a middle zone—recovering all surfaces—then turn back again to total destruction.

New cabinets would cost a lot. And I don't know that I want to face changing the configuration of the kitchen anyway—too many choices, too hard to make.

It's easier to leave things in place and paint the cabinets, add new pulls and perhaps some wood trim. Change the window to wood, replaster the ceiling, new appliances, floor and counters.

As I lie in bed, my mind skips around, unable to focus on one image. I'm getting impatient now. I want to forget the house, go to sleep, and I can't. Too many options, I think, too much to consider, making an uncomfortable reverie.

Once I redid a tiny kitchen in a tiny cottage. It was great fun for me, in part because there was only so much that could happen in such a small space. Every inch was measured many times over, then used.

I chose white ceramic tile with a thin strip of dark green trim for the backsplash and stood watching while it was installed, feeling smug, for it was so right.



TARPOFF & TALBERT

The old house in my thoughts will need a lot of prep work: paint and stains, roof and plumbing.

I asked the carpenter how I could get shelves that were thick and he bought stair step tread, rounded on the front edge, and it looked great. The upper part of the wall between the kitchen and the rest of the cottage was removed for the longest possible views.

A stainless steel stove hood was mounted above the four-burner stove and a delicately painted glass shade put on the overhead light.

I loved that little kitchen. For weeks it was the sweet subject of my falling asleep time. I lingered over it, enjoying each perfect part, especially the green tile trim, the color of expensive, lacquered cars.

I want the same satisfaction with the old house, want a mind picture of it as it could be with the right stuff. Light fixtures, hardware, floors, walls and garden healthy and inviting.

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BERKELEY

29 CHANCELLOR PLACE, Open Sunday 2-5. Contemporary Masterpiece! 3BR, office, den, 3.5BA, gourmet kitchen! Bebe McRae ext. 145.....\$895,000

GORGEOUS & ELEGANT. Ratcliff in Clar. Ct. 3+/2+++, kitchen/family rm. Faye Keogh ext. 126.....\$825,000

LIKE NEW REMODEL! 4BR office, family room, 3 full baths, gourmet kitchen. Bebe McRae ext. 145.....\$780,000

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2509 Calhoun St. - \$125,000
3231 Calhoun St. - \$225,000
1529 Eastshore - \$260,000
1212 High St. - \$306,000
35 McDonnell Rd. - \$258,000
1822 Nason St. - \$195,000
1 Regulus Ct. - \$220,000
2021 San Antonio - \$277,500
405 Sand Beach Rd. - \$257,000
2105 Santa Clara - \$185,000
1001 Shoreline 208 - \$155,000
2101 Shoreline 462 - \$141,000
759 Taylor Ave. - \$196,000
2817 Waterton St. - \$238,000

ALBANY
1031 Key Route - \$155,000
932 Madison St. - \$212,000
545 Pierce 3001 - \$104,000
732 Pomona Ave. - \$306,000

BERKELEY
1350 Ada St. - \$319,000
1623 Beverly Pl. - \$278,500
1908 Blake St. - \$160,000
2029 Channing #2 - \$159,000
1733 Francisco - \$148,500
2249 Glen Ave. - \$251,500
1517 Keoncrest - \$239,000
2700 Le Conte - \$142,000
1435 Northside - \$152,500
1485 Northside - \$144,000
68 Plaza Dr. - \$475,000
65 Vicente Rd. - \$716,500

EL CERRITO
160 Carmel Ave. - \$240,000

EL SOBRANTE
5134 La Honda Rd. - \$270,000
1077 St. Andrews - \$170,000
130 Travalini Ct. - \$273,000

EMERYVILLE
6363 Christie #1713 - \$151,000
6363 Christie 615 - \$132,500
6363 Christie 627 - \$180,000
6 Commodore C336 - \$195,000
2 Commodore D171 - \$109,500

OAKLAND
5832 Acacia Ave. - \$529,500
6300 Acacia Ave. - \$167,500
5958 Almaden Lane - \$425,000
3056 Bartlett St. - \$166,000
5340 B'way Terrace - \$190,000
6307 Buena Ventura - \$200,000
3936 Canon Ave. - \$250,000
32 Chatsworth Ct. - \$347,000
51 Chelton Lane - \$280,000
1129 Clarendon - \$605,000
95 Donna Way - \$224,000
4209 Dunsmuir Ave. - \$242,500
1945 E. 28th St. - \$155,000
7115 Fresno St. - \$135,000
1955 Goulding Rd. - \$288,500
1222 Hollywood - \$112,000
4244 Laguna Ave. - \$261,000
9520 MacArthur - \$180,000
5861 Margarito - \$404,000
3027 Modesto Ave. - \$130,000
424 Orange St. - \$45,000
430 Panoramic - \$356,000
155 Pearl St. - \$72,000
4720 Sequoyah Rd. - \$280,000
87 Teralynn Ct. - \$250,000

7110 Thornhill - \$301,000
3600 Victor Ave. - \$167,000
28 W'minster - \$1,060,000
7084 W'moorland - \$535,000
6000 Wood Dr. - \$380,500

PIEDMONT
150 Mountain Ave. - \$460,000
33 Sotelo Ave. - \$628,500
65 Wyngaard Ave. - \$340,000

SAN LEANDRO
1566 151st Ave. - \$133,000
13095 Aurora Dr. - \$162,000
420 Begier - \$184,000
2452 Bermuda - \$220,000
210 Broadmoor - \$195,000
638 Broadmoor - \$180,000
342 Caliente Dr. - \$106,000
16732 Cowell St. - \$232,000
16086 Gramercy Dr. - \$163,500
16533 Hannah Dr. - \$189,000
15369 Inverness - \$164,500
894 Lewelling #15 - \$105,000
1150 Louise St. - \$182,000
14807 Sylvia Way - \$145,000

SAN LORENZO
1865 Corte Breve - \$103,500
16781 Daryl Ave. - \$120,000
16114 Via Andeta - \$164,500
17006 Via Perdido - \$161,000
17561 Via Toledo - \$150,000

SALES STATS BY CITY
ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$306,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$220,066

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$104,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$306,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$194,250

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$142,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$716,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$265,458

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$240,000

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$170,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$273,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$237,666

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$109,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$195,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$153,600

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 30
LOWEST PRICE: \$45,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,060,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$291,283

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$340,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$628,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$476,166

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$232,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$168,662

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$103,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$164,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$139,800

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Building industry group hosts seminar

Avoidance and risk management of construction defect claims will be the focus of a Northern California seminar from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 5, in Oakland.

Hosted by the California Building Industry Foundation (CBIF), the international law firm of Coudert Brothers and insurance carrier Alexander & Alexander of California, Inc., the seminar will

discuss ways and means of avoiding risks, risk management and recent legal insurance developments.

Targeted at professionals involved in all aspects of the construction and real estate industries, seminar topics will include:

- Liability risks of developer, design professional and contractor for construction defects;
- Minimizing the risks with

special provisions in real estate and construction contracts

- Covering the risks with liability insurance;
- Resolving disputes with insurance carriers regarding coverage of defect claims;
- Statutes of limitation and statutes of repose on defect claims;
- New statute regarding construction defects.

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3BR, 3BA custom ranch. Large eat-in kitchen, FDR, living room w/fireplace. Lower level has been completely remodeled w/huge rumpus, BR/BA tons of storage. Private deck w/view.

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Great opportunity. Build several homes on this 1.1 acre lot! Private driveway, great setting.

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Will add drama to your evening in this 2BR, 2BA condo upgrades. Like new paint, rugs, stove & more stone fireplace. Swimming pool close to shops & transportation.

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SUPER BARGAIN!\$85,000
Well priced starter home on solid residential street. Split level 2BR, 1BA modern kitchen and bath. Motivated owners.

MARIA SINCLAIR 287-9596

INCOME STARTER\$80,000
Tidy, well-maintained duplex, 2 & 3 bedroom units, one with balcony deck. 2-car garage.

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Realtor aglow over prospects

Low long-term interest rates and enduring consumer confidence will sustain the Bay Area's residential real estate market even during normal end-of-year corrections, according to Larry Knapp, president and CEO of Coldwell Banker Northern California.

"The Federal Reserve Board's recent preference for low interest rates will help to assure a respectable level of residential sales in Northern California," Knapp says, "which, in turn, will continue to be the strongest-performing region of California as a whole. 1996 will go down in history as the year that consumer confidence, bolstered by economic strength, returned to drive the market past any prior performance of this decade."

Certainly the market in San Francisco, Marin and the East Bay is poised to set records for the '90s, as it is described by Avram Goldman, Coldwell Banker regional vice-president for the area.

"The curve of demand for residential property has changed; a more sustained market has replaced the previous high peaks and valleys. Current market indicators are uniformly good, and rates on 30-year fixed mortgages are still unusually

attractive. We expect to see a strong fourth quarter."

Goldman advises that buying a house today makes sound financial sense as the Bay Area, and California as a whole, continues to show strong economic recovery. Home prices are now appreciating in most areas. "If sales for the fourth quarter fulfill the promise of the first three quarters, the numbers for 1996 will look like sales figures from the late '80s," he says, but cautions that the two markets are not exactly alike.

Homes are appreciating, but not at the double-digit annual percentages of 10 years ago. Buyers are not just buying to beat inflation, and they are wary of overpaying. Home purchase today can require protracted negotiation that is tedious for both buyers and sellers — confronting challenges such as payment for repairs mandated by inspection, arriving at terms of purchase agreements, and obtaining adequate homeowners' insurance.

To sum up, buyers want to make sure they obtain the value they pay for, while sellers want to be sure they attain maximum return on their properties. "It is true that some homes today attract multiple presentations, but those properties are

correctly priced for their markets, and are in exceptional condition."

That said, Goldman continues, "the market is still way up there. Volume of transactions is holding firm at levels just below July and August. Buyer demand is being fueled by significant regional increases in disposable income, continuing improvement in the Bay Area's economy, and heightened consumer confidence."

Goldman notes that areas with particularly active sales extend all across the region. San Francisco is experiencing a seller's market, particularly in the upper-end neighborhoods of Seal Cliff, the Marina, Pacific Heights, Forest Hill, and St. Francis Wood. Other neighborhoods in San Francisco that are extremely desirable to prospects are Noe Valley, Golden Gate Heights, and Upper Market.

"San Francisco has become a financial hub of the Pacific Rim," Goldman emphasizes, "and with that new importance comes prosperity, which fuels the housing market. This has created a situation in which we cannot find enough well-priced \$1,000,000-plus inventory."

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REAL ESTATE FORUM

GEORGE ORAM

Prices remain steady, but condition of homes is way up. From time to time the Chronicle runs what appears to be a well researched report on property values. You should understand that these are in fact very optimistic reports.

Prices are not the only evidence of value. Most properties sold in 1989 were not in as high quality condition then as when resold today. Today kitchens, yards, baths, floors, etc. have been redone. Often sellers have invested \$50,000 to \$100,000 in improving a home that sells today for just a tad more than it brought at the top of the market.

A real beauty in Elmwood with \$100,000 of recent improvements sold at just above its purchase price of 5 years ago. It goes to show that not all improvements pay off, but that improvements are necessary to maintain value.

Inspections are much more thorough (read brutal) today than in the late eighties. Consequently the buyer is often in a position to demand that items raised by the inspection be repaired or funds credited.

Factors other than price play role in marketplace

If you are a 1989 buyer who is selling now, you may well still sell for a bit more than then, if you have upgraded the home considerably and if you are in a prime location.

Location, Location, Location

Currently Rockridge is hot hot hot. It is hard to sell a similar home in Central Berkeley for within \$30,400,000 of the Rockridge price. Rockridge prices are up since 1989 and Central Berkeley prices, with a lower crime rate, are lower. Fashions change.

When I was in Piedmont with the Grubb Co. almost everything there sold. Recently there is great availability. Fashions change.

It's much easier to sell a pricey home in Berkeley now than an average one. Fashions change. Sellers need to be aware of the market prices in their area. Buyers will find the best buys in areas that are not currently in fashion.

Positive items help sales and improve value: Just as there are people who cannot catch a pass and sports stars who can, there are houses that just sell fast and ones that just sell slow. A yard, a great yard or a potentially great yard is an overwhelming favorite with buyers. A great yard can overcome otherwise insurmountable house

condition problems.

Another big plus is any extra room or rooms that can be used for offices, bedrooms, nanny or live in grandmas, etc. A five or six bedroom 3100 sq. ft. fixer upper with a great yard sold at \$479,000.

Three houses down is a much more beautiful and fully finished home of the same size, on a corner lot, with no back yard and one of four bedrooms converted to a bath. This home is still unsold and is now priced lower than the one sold three doors down. A yard really counts. Bedrooms really count.

The condition and presentation of a house are very important in preparing it for sale. These include cleanliness, new paint, flowers and tidy landscaping, the removal of clutter, clean windows, etc. Get the advice of a pro — a decorator or Realtor — for help with these details.

The Color Orange and other Negatives

Robert Bruss, whose articles appear in the Chronicle and elsewhere, recently referred a house with an obvious physical flaw that the seller would not fix. The home sold for 90 percent of the asking price. There are many houses like

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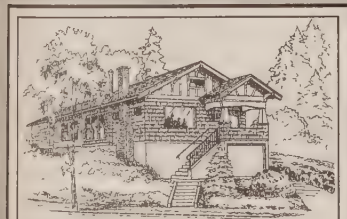
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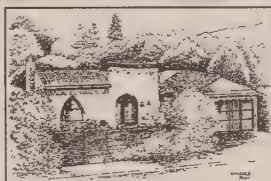
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this. If your house has a feature that is just not popular, fix it, or be prepared to discount for it.

In an article last fall I told you about three orange sofas that we took to the dump before we re-marketed a house that had not sold with other agents. The home sold.

Two years ago there was a person who had painted the outside of her home a distinct orange. This year I ran into an orange tub in a bedroom. Much as I like the color from my (orange and black) collegiate days, it doesn't sell houses today.

Similarly houses on corners (no back yard), houses on main streets (noise, safety), houses with brick foundations (earthquake, insurance) and other fixer type problems need to be discounted to be attractive to the buyer. I have become particularly expert, to my great dismay, at selling houses on corners.

It takes a lot of extra effort, and the right price. I do like selling houses on busy streets, because we often find people who are very happy to buy a large house and yard at the more reasonable price that a busy location allows.

If your property has a problem-

atic feature, fix it or adjust your price accordingly. Your house will sell despite its problems if it is priced correctly. We just sold a totally gutted Victorian duplex on the corner of Martin Luther King and Haste for \$185,000 to buyers who will make very good use of it.

Who is buying and when

Market your home when there are lots of buyers in the market. This can happen in the spring. It can also happen when interest rates start to increase. This spring we had lots of buyers and increasing interest rates.

Hence, a very brisk market. If interest rates are seen to be increasing this fall, there will be plenty of buyers trying to beat the increase.

Another matter of good timing is selling when people are moving to town or cashing in their stock options or year end bonuses. Silicon Valley's bedroom communities have had big sale price increases this year paid for by stock options and initial public offerings. Prices on the Peninsula are so high that we are selling East Bay homes to folks who work in Palo Alto.

They tell us that a \$650,000 property in Palo Alto compares with a \$350,000 home in Berkeley. We have sold a number of nice homes to very young men and women who have benefited from the electronics

If you are a 1989 buyer, you may well sell for a bit more now, if you've upgraded.

industry in and around Berkeley. We have sold homes to people moving to California from all over places like Wisconsin and New Jersey.

It is heartwarming to see folks moving to California again, instead of taking their money and moving out of state. Good buyers are buyers with agents.

Open houses for agents show your home's appeal to the agents who have buyers. Hold an open house for agents followed by one public open house and sit back. If your house is priced right lots of agents will show it in the next few days.

Do not be fooled by hoards of eager lookers at open houses. If you have a particularly attractive house, if your agent has written a great ad, or if the location is conducive to people dropping in on a Sunday you can have blockbuster open houses and still no sale. You need to see agents showing your

house to buyers to have it sold.

We did research on one home this year that had great open houses. Of the 40 most qualified people who saw the home, four months later only one had purchased a home. The rest were casually looking, without agents, were not in need of a house right away, and had not purchased.

We find that the serious buyers call us or come into the office and state that they need help buying a home. In the 1989, buyers were everywhere and often bought at open houses from the listing agent. This doesn't seem to happen so much any more.

The lesson: There are buyers in all markets, at all times, and these buyers have agents. Market your house to the agents—they will bring the buyer(s) you need.

George Oram is owner of ERI/ Better Homes and Gardens in Berkeley. He can be reached at 883-7000.

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Prospects...

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"When San Francisco is hot," he continues, "Marin follows," and many of the same potential buyers will be looking in both San Francisco and Marin. The luxury market for \$1,000,000-plus homes has not let up and remains extremely active especially in Kentfield, Ross, Tiburon and Belvedere.

Buyers are showing great interest in Marin's more affordable family communities such as Mill Valley, Corte Madera, and Larkspur. Professionals and singles like the easy commute offered by Sausalito."

The East Bay, Goldman says, is a more varied market and offers a rich mix of possibilities. "Montclair, for example, is a buyer's market with some excellent homes at attractive prices. Rockridge, with its proximity to regional transportation and the University of California—as well as its sophisticated urban lifestyle—is also extremely popular."

Piedmont's activity has increased

The year 1996 will go down as the year that consumer confidence returned.

materially over 1995, as it attracted families interested in premium neighborhoods and excellent schools."

Fremont continues to draw buyers from among Silicon Valley professionals who are priced out of the Valley itself. Pleasanton, San Ramon and Danville have experienced a mini-boom, largely because employees are relocating to new corporate sites at Hilltop Business Park. Luxury buyers in Orinda and Lafayette have been moving briskly, thanks to the resurgence of the area's economy.

Goldman sees the Pleasanton/Livermore area as a community shaping itself. With the establishment

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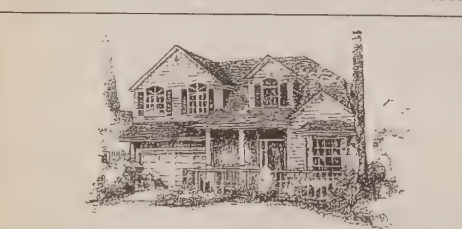
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3362 BRUNNEL DR. Bay view contemp. newer 4BD/2.5BA decorator perfect... \$459,000 home in Joaquin Miller Heights. Large wooded lot. "Great room" off kitchen. Wendy Callaghan

6363 WESTOVER DR. Reduced! 3 years new! Montclair. Dramatic 2-story entry, soaring... \$414,000 entry, soaring ceilings, FDR, 3BD/2.5BA, decks and lovely, serene canyon view. Mary Neuberger

6675 MOORE DR. Spacious 3BD/2+BA in Montclair. Huge rumpus, large... \$337,500 utility room, 2-car attached garage. Over 3,000 sq. ft., nice yard. Chris Christensen

2300 LEIMERT BL. Dramatic SF Bay view from this 4BD/3BA beauty in... \$336,750 excellent area w/best schools. Wonderful kitchen, LR w/vaulted, beamed ceilings. Don Dunning

4279 DETROIT. Redwood Heights, Mediterranean charmer, 2BD/1BA with rec... \$249,000 room, office, deck off kitchen, sweet yard, fabulous location. Katie Meadow

3907 EVERETT. New Glenview listing! Charming 3BD/1.5BA, plus room. Just... \$225,000 painted, refinished hardwood. Great yard. Jaya Bhimani

3612 MONTEREY BLVD. 1st Open! Charming English Tudor in Redwood Heights... \$215,000 Spacious rooms. Hardwood floors, high ceilings in living room, private yard. Diane Earl McCan

286 COVINGTON. In Sheffield Village-Oakland's undiscovered jewel! Above 580... \$209,000 at Dutton. Traditional 40's arch. 3BD, new kitchen, FDR, 2-car garage. One level. Noll Davis

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2607 MAXWELL. New listing! Remodeled 3BD in Maxwell Park with bay view... \$165,000 gleaming hardwood floors, new kitchen, & bath, basement, attached garage. Kate Phillips

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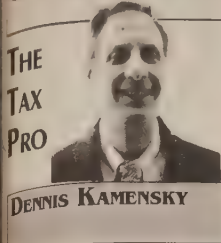
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A few days ago I did a tax return for a woman who had sold her principal residence in 1993. The property was sold for \$325,000 and she had spent about \$25,000 in selling expenses (real estate commissions, escrow costs, etc.). At closing she received only about \$20,000 in actual cash, and had decided to rent and not buy another house.

She had purchased this property with her husband in 1983 for \$175,000. But, she had sold another house at that time in order to buy this one. She had been able to defer a capital gain of \$75,000 by buying this house in 1983.

Then in 1991 she and her husband divorced. She decided to buy out his one-half interest in this house. In order to do this she refinanced the property (getting a \$260,000 loan).

She paid him off and used the rest of the money to pay her own bills. It was her belief that she would only have to pay income taxes on the \$20,000 that was re-

ceived at the closing. Boy, was she wrong!

First off, the actual amount of money that you receive when the property closes generally has nothing to do with your capital gain. In her case the capital gain on the property would be as follows:

What she originally paid for the property, plus the closing costs (\$175,000);

The costs of all the major improvements to the property (such as room additions, roof, major remodeling, etc.) — in her case zero.

From that amount, subtract any capital gain amounts that were deferred from selling a previous principal residence. In her case, subtract \$75,000.

Therefore, her cost basis in this property would be \$100,000.

Now take what she sold the property for (\$325,000), minus the selling expenses (\$25,000), and you would be left with a capital gain of \$200,000.

The amount she had received from refinancing the property in 1991 did not affect the cost basis of the property, and in fact now she was going to have to pay income taxes on it.

Even the money she had used to buy out her ex-husband was not tax-deductible. The government ruled that in divorces after 1985 the money given by one spouse to the other is not taxable income to the receiver, nor tax-deductible by the payer.

The costs of all the major improvements to the property (such as room additions, roof, major remodeling, etc.) — in her case zero.

The only way she could have avoided paying capital gains taxes on the \$200,000 profit was to buy another principal residence for at least \$300,000 (the selling price minus selling expenses) within the two-year time period after she had sold the property.

Also, if she was at least 55 years old at the time of sale she could have at least not have to paid taxes on the first \$125,000 of capital gains (unfortunately, she's under 55).

Even though you get a slight tax break on your federal tax return (right now the highest federal tax rate on long-term capital gains is 28 percent), she is still going to have to pay about \$56,000 to the IRS. Plus, she also has to pay state income taxes, another 10 percent (California does not give any tax break for capital gains).

The point here is to consult with a tax expert before you sell your house. Make sure you understand the tax consequences of this move. It may save you, or cost you, many thousands of hard-earned dollars.

Dennis Kamensky is a tax ac-

countant in Oakland. He owns The Tax Pros and is an expert in real estate and tax matters. You can reach him at 530-6001, or 339-9680 (evenings).

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Prospect... Harvesting a pumpkin for carving or eating

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ment of the Ruby Hills custom home community and the Jack Nicklaus Golf Course in Pleasanton, the opening of Poppy Ridge Golf Course and Crane Ridge Estates in Livermore, and the emergence of the Livermore Valley wine industry, he expects that "within five to 10 years this region could become a miniNapa with a spreading reputation among discerning buyers."

Although heightened activity in the residential real estate market is exerting upward pressure on prices, Goldman assures buyers that there is still plenty of affordable housing in the region. "The East Bay is an excellent bet for first-time buyers, professional singles, and families with the range of \$250,000 to \$350,000 in mind. Condos and townhouses in general still are in a buyer's market and offer attractive prices for first-time buyers. Whatever the price range and location you're looking for, the time to buy in the Bay Area is now."

Goldman's sentiments are echoed by Larry Knapp, who points out that this resurgence not only extends across all regions, but cuts across categories of real property. "As would be expected, we now see commercial property following the upward trend of residential property — not only in the cutting-edge areas of Silicon Valley, but in San Francisco proper, which is gaining prominence as one of the great financial centers of the Pacific Rim. The breadth and depth of this economic recovery suggests that we have, at last, left behind the lackluster markets of the early '90s."

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Q: How can I tell when a pumpkin is ripe or ready to be picked? These are the small pie type varieties. Also, why did most of pumpkins stems wither up and die? They were never left to dry out in between waterings. I was told they like to be kept on the moist side.

A: Yes, pumpkins do like moisture however you can keep them too wet in our heavy clay soils. Pumpkins like a deep watering every five-seven days depending on the temperatures. Pumpkins are harvested in the fall when the rinds become hard and foliage starts to die. As the pumpkins mature raise them off the ground to prevent rotting on the underside.

Q: I bought 8 ozs of Marvik for rose midge. My problem, which others may have, too, is the proper mixture for my Ortho Dial Sprayer. The recommended dose is about .3 to 1 tsp. per 5 gallons! Can you give me (us) the right dosage for spraying as I have only about a dozen roses.

A: So far Rose Midge has not made its way into Alameda and Contra Costa. Currently, it is a problem north of the Golden Gate Bridge but we will see it in time. Ortho Dial Spray Sprayer and other similar sprayers allow you to pour the concentrate into the jar without first mixing with water. The advantage of this type of sprayer is when you are done you can pour the concentrate back into the bottle. This is perfect for those chemicals registered for the home and garden market, however, with Marvik, this type of sprayer will not work. Marvik is an agricultural registered chemical and the mixing instructions are designed for 50 gallon, 100 gallon and larger spray rigs. To use Marvik,

you need to apply it with a tank sprayer or an older generation sprayer such as Ortho Sprayette or similar. When the Rose Midge arrives, I suggest using Orthene Rose and Flower Spray or Orthex concentrate as it is registered for Rose Midge and unlike Marvik widely available.

Q: I have a six feet tall, productive lemon tree in my back yard. When I cut into the lemons the rind is very thick and there is very little pulp. I feed the tree with 10-8-6, monthly and it gets a drink of water every two weeks. What do you think the problem is?

A: I would increase the frequency of water to the lemon from twice a month to once a week June through Oct. Also dig a large water basin that extends from the trunk to beyond the outer branches or drip line of the tree. When you water fill the basin to the top and let it percolate through and fill it up again. Also, I would supplement the 10-8-6 fertilizer, three times a year with Zinc Sulphate. **Q:** We bought our first home last September and been delighted with a wonderful lemon tree in our backyard. It produces an abundance of lemons.

Q: Our back yard is bordered by a creek so we have not watered or fertilized this tree. How do we continue to ensure that this tree will continue to produce?

A: Large citrus trees should be fertilized during the growing season with Citrus Food. You can give it a little each month from April-October or two applications just before the spring bloom and right afterwards.

The tree should receive a half a pound of fertilizer per inch diam-

eter measured two feet off the ground. Spread the fertilizer around the drip line and do not pile it up at the trunk.

There are many surface roots that are not getting any creek water. So, I would supplement the creek by hand watering the tree every two weeks June through October.

Build a water basin that extends from the trunk to outer branches of the tree and fill the basin up a couple of times each time you water.

Q: The City of Fremont is going to give free compost to residents. This compost is made from yard waste material that is collected curb-side by BFI.

Not knowing the history of this material, my concern is using the compost made from it on plants grown to be eaten.

If chemicals, especially systemic, or the material was from a site that had contaminated soil, would the compost be safe to use?

A: I would not have any concern with using the compost. The heat generated in the composting will sterilize the mix killing off most of the weed seeds, insects and plant diseases.

This type of compost poses no threat to edible crops. Also, contaminated soils are never recycled into compost piles.

Q: I have Amaryllis belladonna plants. After they have finished blooming are you supposed to cut the stalk or do you leave the stalk on until it dries like the leaves. I know the green leaves feed the bulb but what about the flower stalk? Also, when is the best time to transplant Amaryllis bulbs?

A: The only purpose of the flower stalk is to support the flower. So,

you can remove it anytime after the flower is spent or with the flower when used as a cut flower. I prefer to do it soon after the flower fades. Amaryllis is best transplanted after the flowering and foliage has turned yellow which is in the late spring early summer. (Amaryllis belladonna is known as Belladonna Lily or Naked Lady and is now available at most garden centers. They get the name Naked Lady because they produce rosy pink fragrant flowers in the summer without any foliage. This bulb is drought tolerant with strap like leaves, grows in any soil and is long lived.)

Q: Can I divide a ten-year-old Rhubarb plant?

A: Yes, you can. Rhubarb should be divided every four years or when the stalks begin to thin out. In the late fall before the rainy season cut the foliage off at the ground. Gently dig up the root tubers and wash all the dirt off the root clump. Select the largest tubers with 3-5 eyes for transplanting and remove them from the mass with a sharp knife. It is not necessary to transplant them right away so store them in a dry location. You can plant bare root Rhubarb anytime through Feb. The new plants should be spaced every three feet. Rhubarb is a heavy feeder, so feed frequently with cottonseed meal, 12-8-4, or fish emulsion during the growing season. Begin harvesting the new rhubarb in the second season after planting.

Q: I can not keep an apricot on my tree. Some small animal keeps chewing through the netting. It's not a rat. Could squirrels change their behavior? The tree is 15 years old and is always kept netted. This occurred for the first time this year. Any suggestions as to the critter?



by Buzz Bertolero

Pumpkins like deep watering every five-seven days depending on the temperatures.

A: Squirrels normally change their habits however, do not believe they have the parts to chew through the netting. The only critter I can think of that can is roof rats.

Q: We have a large Catalpa tree in our front yard. It is constantly dropping needles and cessitates sweeping at least once a week. Also, it covers the plants low it with needles. We are tired of keeping up with the mess and trying at times. Is there any situation you may have to remove a situation?

A: Unfortunately, there is no way to stop the needle drop. Cedar, Pines and other conifers are a natural and genetic process plant goes through.

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- 2050 MANZANITA DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba, FDR, fam rm, decks
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- 145 AGNES, Upper Rockridge 5/4, abundance of space/character
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978
- 6522 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines 3+bd/2+ba Spanish Med, new
Better Homes, Julie Renaldi 339-8400
- 13050 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, level yd, SF bay vw
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- 220 CROSS RD, New, Upper Rockridge 3+2+, family rm, study, mstr
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- 509 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4/3 Georgian Colonial, library, grt rm
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- 2710 MOUNTAIN GATE WY, Tahoe setting, 4bd, gardens, game rm
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- 249 SHERIDAN RD, Upr Rockridge new 3/3+, FDR, kit/fam combo
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 287-5886
- 5800 ROSS, Rockridge fab tudor, gourmet kitchen, 4/2, rumpus rm
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Coldwell Banker, Donna Ranslem 339-1174
- 6642 LONGWALK, A Frank Lloyd Wright INSPIRED Design Home \$430,000
3bd/3ba w/adj lot, sun deck, Privacy! Will Uher 278-0451 SAT & SUN 12-5
- 6212 VIEWCREST DR, Ridgemont 4bd/3ba, bonus room, lg level lot \$419,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 6363 WESTOVER DR, Montclair, dramatic 2-story entry, 3/2+, decks \$414,000
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 531-7000
- 13808 CAMPUS DR, Ridgemont 3+bd/2+ba, just listed! family room \$409,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 4759 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines, top quality remodel 3/2+, decks \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400
- 40 STARVIEW, Hiller, just listed! 3bd/3ba townhm, mstr suite \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammer 339-1174
- 1900 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair top quality sun-filled 3+bd/2+ba \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- 3321 RUBIN DR, Oakland Hills 3bd/2ba, au-pair, gardens, views, private, 1/2 acre. Owner 530-9137/595-9205, SUNDAY 1-4:30
- 5080 DUBLIN, Quality Woodminster 5/4, wkshop, wine rm, fab kit \$395,000
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174
- 1626 MOUNTAIN, Fernwood trad'l, 1/4 block to library, 4/2, bonus rm \$389,900
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 5850 PINEWOOD RD, Montclair 4/2+, just listed! skylites, oak flrs \$389,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670
- 5809 BALMORAL DR, Oakland Hills 3/2, spacious decks, bay vws \$389,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174
- 5822 HARBOR, Montclair 4+bd/3ba beautiful custom, location! \$389,000
Better Homes, Suzanne Linford 339-4000
- 5681 OAK GROVE @ College, 4bd/2+ba remodeled craftsman \$369,000
Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138
- 211 DUNCAN WAY, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, 1/4 acre, private creekside \$369,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460
- 2 MALL COURT, Montclair 4bd/2ba, lg mstr suite, hdwds, hot tub \$369,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 6559 HEATHER RIDGE WAY, Montclair 3+bd/2ba + sep 1bd apt \$369,000
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400
- 1054 LEO WAY, Montclair stylish tudor, 4/2, hdwds, garden \$349,000
The GRUBB Company, Susan Velt 339-0400
- 5701 CHELTON DR, Piedmont Pines, 3bd/2ba, family rm, deck \$349,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
- 6666 CHARING CROSS, Hiller, lg unit w/off, office space, must see \$345,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammer 339-1174
- 5946 COLTON, Montclair 3bd/2ba Cape Cod \$342,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 6078 COLTON BL, Montclair 3b/3b contemp, family rm, fab bay vw, \$339,999
totally remod, prt lot w/spa, Dutra RE, Judy Johnson 888-3337 SUNDAY 1-4
- 6675 MOORE DR, 3bd/2+ba, Montclair, rumpus, 2-car attached gar \$337,500
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000
- 2300 LEIMERT BL, 4bd/3ba, dramatic SF bay vw wonderful kitchen \$336,750
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000
- 1939 MELVIN, Oakmore 3bd/2ba, family rm w/frpl, bay views! \$335,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Karen Blandy 869-4223
- 6000 LASALLE AVE, Montclair sunny 3 1/2 close to village, level-in \$335,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434

- 741 & 743 HADDON PL, Lovely Trestle Glen duplex, hwd floor \$329,000
The GRUBB Co., Stacy Ewing 339-0400 SUNDAY 2-5
- 282 STANTONVILLE, Crestmont 3bd/2+ba, pano bay view, level yd \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ed Marshall 869-4244
- 12550 BROOKPARK, Parkridge Estates 3bd/2ba on 1/3 acre, pool \$320,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Kiemmer 339-6460
- 5417 CROCKETT PL, Montclair 3bd/2ba, Euro kit, spa, bay view \$319,000
Better Homes, Harry Kress 531-2140
- 6185 WESTOVER, Montclair 2bd/1ba \$319,000
Coldwell Banker, Janne McHugh 486-1495
- 6627 HEARTWOOD DR, Montclair charmer 2bd, nearly level-in, deck \$319,000
bay vw + studio w/sep entry. Owner 531-8382. Principals Only. SAT & SUN
- 619 LONGRIDGE RD, Crocker ranch, 3bd/2ba, hdwds, remod kit \$309,000
Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174
- 8211 SKYLINE BL, Montclair newer 3/2+, great buy/distress sale! \$303,000
Mason-McDuffie, Marlene Daniels 428-0900
- 6656 CHARING CROSS, Hiller 3bd/2+ba, canyon vw, club facilities \$303,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammer 339-1174
- 1135 GLENDORA, Glenview, lg, flexible, on grt street, potential! \$299,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X118 SUNDAY 2-4
- 3250 CRANE WY, Oakland Hills, 3b/2b, spacious LR & DR, fam rm \$299,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 1071 BROOKWOOD, Crocker 3+bd/1ba, FDR, updated & charming \$299,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 5100 PARKRIDGE, Price reduced! 4/2 terrific Rockridge Estates \$294,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pamela Comfort 869-4213
- 5862 CHABOT CT, Rockridge 3bd/1ba \$293,000
Coldwell Banker, Joan Barnett 486-1495
- 2020 MELVIN RD, Upr Oakmore 3/2, best buy/seller motivated! \$293,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643
- 4374 TERRABELLA WAY, Oakland Hills 3 1/2+ nly new! bay view \$293,000
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400
- 1920 LEIMERT BL, Upr Oakmore retreat, 3/2+, move right in! \$293,000
The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400
- 1301 MOUNTAIN BLVD, Montclair 4bd/2ba, lots of space in & out \$293,000
Better Homes, Mel Copland 339-2109
- 12645 BROOKPARK RD, Parkridge Estates 3bd/2ba, lg family room \$293,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 4656 REDWOOD RD, Leona Park Villas, 2/2+ twms, FDR, patio \$293,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400
- 6475 VALLEY VIEW RD, Montclair 3bd/2ba, canyon vw, rec room \$293,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400
- 365 BELLEVUE AV, Adams Pt 4bd/1+ba mini-mansion, off street pkg \$289,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653
- 39 RAMONA, Sharp 4/2 craftsman, updt'd, nw heating, seismic retro \$289,000
Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174
- 2050 DRAKE DR, Montclair 4bd/2ba, hdwds, lg rumpus, 2 decks \$289,000
Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinson 339-1174
- 6370 BROADWAY TER, Rockridge fab 2bd/2ba penthouse, views! \$289,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5477
- 4279 DETROIT, Redw Hts 2 1/2 Med charmer, rec rm, office, deck \$289,000
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000
- 2331 MASTLANDS, Piedmont Pines, Pano vw of bay thru Lyr. \$289,000
Wall of glass, including deck & mstr bd, cozy yet convenient to Warren
Better Homes 510-284-9500, Ted Streeter 510-284-9520 X212 SUN 11-4
- 4749 STACY ST, A real charmer new listing, 3bd/2ba, hdwds, yd \$289,000
Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174

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Chimney check now may save a life later

Storks nesting in chimneys were once believed to bring good luck, according to European folklore.

In fact, nests in chimneys, or blockages of any kind, are nothing short of bad news. They can smoke up a house, cause chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

In 1993 there were 39,500 residential fires in the United States originating in chimneys, fireplaces and solid fuel appliances, according to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission. These fires resulted in 310 personal injuries, 150 deaths and \$192.3 million in property damage.

Virtually all of these fires were preventable according to the Chimney Safety Institute of America (CSIA), a non-profit foundation dedicated to public educations. Both CSIA and the National Fire Protection Association recommend yearly chimney inspections to help prevent these hazards.

Many American homeowners think their chimneys only need to be cleaned and inspected if they burn wood in their fireplaces or wood stoves, but almost all heating appliances, whether they burn gas, oil, wood, or coal, rely on the chimney to safely carry toxic gases produced by the heating system of the house.

A carbon monoxide detector can warn homeowners of potential poisoning after the deadly gas has already entered the living area, but an annual chimney check can help prevent carbon monoxide from entering the house in the first place.

Each fall, homeowners shift into home-improvement mode. They clean gutters, garages and basement, preparing homes for winter. But they usually don't inspect, repair or

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clean their chimneys, despite the potential for damage to their property or even to their lives.

An annual chimney check by a chimney sweep usually costs less than \$100 and can deter the danger of fire or carbon monoxide poisoning. CSIA Certified Chimney Sweeps have earned the industry's most respected credential by passing a written examination based on fire codes, clearances and standards for the construction and maintenance of chimneys and venting systems.

In fact, when chimney fires occur, many insurance investigators rely on a chimney sweep to determine whether a fire originated in—or damaged—the chimney system.

CSIA, established in 1983, is dedicated to the elimination of residential chimney fires, carbon monoxide intrusion in homes and other chimney-related hazards that result in the loss of lives and property.

For more information on chimney safety, or a list of CSIA Certified Chimney Sweeps, Call (800) 536-0118. Or, visit the CSIA world wide web site at www.csia.org.

Some timely chimney tips before the winter sets in

Have your chimney checked every year. No matter how you heat your home, make sure your chimney can do its job to properly vent hot, toxic gasses and carbon monoxide from the heating system to the outdoors.

- Burn only well-seasoned hardwoods. This will help reduce creosote build-up in your wood-burning chimney. If you don't know how to build a hot, safe fire, ask your CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep for tips on proper wood-burning techniques.

- Install a chimney cap. Have a high quality, long-lasting chimney cap installed to keep out debris and prevent birds, animals, and insects from nesting in your chimney.

- Install a carbon monoxide detector. A carbon monoxide detector will warn of harmful gases that may be entering your home because of a blocked or damaged chimney.

- Have your chimney water-proofed. This will prevent long-term corrosion and masonry damage.

- Have your chimney flashing inspected and maintained.

Chimney flashing (the seal between the chimney and the roof) prevents rain water and snow melt from entering your home and causing costly damage to your walls and ceilings.

- Have a sealing damper installed in your wood-burning system. This will save energy dollars and eliminate unpleasant off-season odors.

- Have your CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep ensure that your chimney has an appropriate liner. Chimney liners are required in the new construction to separate hot heating system emissions from the structure of your home.

- If you own—or are planning to install—a high efficiency gas furnace, ask your chimney sweep to check that the furnace is vented according with the National Fuel Gas Code.

- Following a violent storm, earthquake, flood or lightning strike, have your chimney inspected for damage—inside and out. This includes checking for cracks and fallen bricks. For safety's sake, do not use your chimney until it is checked by a CSIA Chimney Sweep.

Steady interest rates reflect stable economy

On Oct. 24 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that its Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgages fell 2 basis points from last week's 7.88 percent to 7.86 percent.

During the fourth week of October 1995, the 30-year fixed rate was 7.45 percent.

The start rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) was down 5 basis points to 5.57 percent from last week's average of 5.62 percent. A year ago the ARM start rate was 5.73 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing arena, fell 2 basis points to 7.37 percent from last week's figure of 7.39 percent. This time last year this rate was 6.92 percent.

"Consumer and price data released over the past two weeks confirm that inflation remains stable," said Freddie Mac Deputy Chief Economist Frank Nothaft. "Conse-

quently mortgage rates have stayed within a narrow band since March of last year." This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 25th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked mortgage rates since 1971.

By supplying lenders with the money to make mortgages and packaging the mortgages into marketable securities Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rate paid by home buyers. Over the year Freddie Mac has helped finance one in six American homes.

On Sept. 30 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for October payments at 4.839 percent, up 2 basis points from the 4.819 percent that was in effect for September payments. The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

The COFI for November payments will be announced after 3 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 31. The new rate can be heard by calling (415) 616-2600.

Directory points way to savings

Buy great stuff at low prices with the help of the "Reuse Directory" shop the 220 reuse/rental/repair stores in Berkeley and Albany.

This 64-page booklet describes shops that sell everything from antiques to books, from toys to cloth-

ing and collectibles, and is available at all Berkeley and Albany libraries, community centers, city halls and chambers of commerce. To receive one in the mail, Berkeley residents call 644-8856; Albany residents should call 528-5760.

To reach the Real Estate Editor call 339-4047.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

9990 SIGOURNEY, Sequoyah Hills 3bd/2 1/2ba custom trad, 1st open \$238,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-4000

3738-40 LAGUNA, Dimond, 2 charming cottages on 1 lot, gardens \$235,000
Better Homes, Lois Johnson 339-8400

41 GRAEGLER, Oakland Hills, off Keller just below Skyline, 3bd, 2 1/2ba; choose your own paint and carpet. Owner 638-7699 \$229,950

733 RAND AVE, 3bd/1+ba, lovely & spacious, great location! \$229,500
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Demetrius Wilson 869-3740

3907 EVERETT, New Glenview listing! charming 3 1/1 w/plus room \$225,000
Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 531-7000

4751 DAVENPORT, Redwood Hts 2bd/2b, hwdws, new deck, SF vw \$225,000
Mason-McDuffie, John Bell 834-2010

1475 EXCELSIOR AV, Glenview 3bd/2ba, refinished hwdws, fab LR \$219,500
Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036

3947 ARDLEY AVE, Glenview 2+bd/1+ba, grt ngrbrhd, character \$218,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400

3612 MONTEREY BL, 1st open! Redwd Hts charming English tudor \$215,000
Wells & Bennett, Diane Earl-McCan 531-7000

286 COVINGTON, Sheffield Village, 3bd trad, new kitchen, FDR \$209,000
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000

3833 ARDLEY, Glenview 4bd/2ba fab fixer, full bsmt, 2-car garage \$199,000
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000

4009 ELSTON, Remod craftsman, nw roof, refin hwdwd, try 5% down \$199,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000

4042 WHITTE, Oakmore 3bd/2ba large hm, hwdws, great deal! \$198,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Dollie Henson 468-5761

3048 CARLENE AVE, Upper Laurel bright 2+bd/1ba, enjoy the view! \$179,000
Better Homes, Sam Ghaderi 339-4000

3229 SHAFTER, Rockridge 2/1, hwdwd under carpet, DR, eat-in kit \$179,000
Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

3229 SHAFTER, Rockridge 2bd/1ba \$179,000
Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

2501 CARMEL, 2bd/1ba on tree-lined street, painted & ready! \$176,000
Mason-McDuffie, Heidi Tuggle 834-2010

3051 CALIFORNIA, Laurel, beautiful, sunny 2+bd/2ba +sep studio \$175,000
Manhattan Real Estate 444-5300

4427 CAMDEN, Maxwell Park 3bd/1 1/2ba neat/comfortable family hm \$174,500
Mason-McDuffie, Joan Simmonds 834-2010

4211 WEBSTER, Temescal 3bd/1ba, just reduced! all remodeled \$169,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501

2607 MAXWELL, New listing! remod 3bd, Maxwell Pk, bsmt, hwdwd \$165,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000

3849 BUELL ST, Bright/sunny 2bd/1ba, hwdws, nw paint, huge yd \$165,000
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

3872 HOWE ST, Charming 2-story 1900's fixer off Pied Ave, 'as is' \$159,000
Coldwell Banker, Vickie Faulk 339-1174

4421 MASTERSON, Laurel beautiful 2bd/1ba, lg kitchen, hwdws \$149,900
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212

1673 MAJMI CT, Glenview cute 2bd/1ba shingle, private yard \$149,000
Mason-McDuffie, Cathy Moulton 339-4000

3606 GLEN PARK, Glenview charming 2bd/1ba, best value, bsmt \$147,000
Better Homes, Maria Sinclair 339-4000

1555 LAKESIDE #184, Spacious 2bd/2ba, 18th floor, doorman \$138,500
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thorne 763-1710 SUNDAY 1-4

884 AILEEN ST, North Oakland 3bd/1+ba like new, great yard \$135,000
Mason-McDuffie, Cecelia 428-0900

3654 MAYBELLE, Laurel 2bd/1 1/2ba well maintained townhouse \$125,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lynda Hassan 869-4209

500 VERNON #210, Rose Garden, updated large condo, 2bd/2ba \$125,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

2202 DAMUTH #6, 2bd/1ba, Tahoe-like setting \$119,900
Chang & Hardeman, Ramona Chang 482-3800

322 HANOVER #411, Lakeshore, elegant/affordable 2bd/2ba condo \$119,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Erik Johnson 869-4246

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

1407 EASTSHORE, 3bd/2+ba in pristine condition! \$279,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Randall 869-4242 SUNDAY 2-5

3259 GARFIELD AVE, 3bd/2ba spacious traditional, hardwoods, large double garage, Alameda RE, Margaret Lomba 522-8585 SUNDAY 2-4

ALBANY Open Sunday

1503 POSEN, Very charming 3bd/1b w/good space, small vw, many upgrades. 3rd bedroom not legal. The Land Company 548-5263 SUNDAY 2-5

1222 MARIN, Albany 3bd/1ba \$225,000
Coldwell Banker, Lydia Meisen 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

527 KEY ROUTE BLVD, 2bd/1ba well maintained, frpl, lg patio \$221,500
Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

29 CHANCELLOR PL, 3 1/3 contemp masterpiece gourmet kit, den \$895,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 2-5

689 ALVARADO, English Country home, lg lot, Claremont Hills, 4+3 \$699,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Nancy Platford 845-6021 X226 SUNDAY 2-4

867 ARLINGTON AVE, 4bd/3ba updt Spanish Med, patio, gardens \$574,900
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460

2734 BENVENUE, Elmhurst, 5+bd/3ba, aupair, FDR, library, nw kit \$545,000
Starr Realty 843-5676 SUNDAY 2-4

1927 PARKER ST, New listing! 4+3/3 remod Colonial Revival \$395,000
Templeton Company, Marlene Leverette 652-2133 X121 SUNDAY 2-4

1305 HENRY ST, 3 new townhms. 2 & 3bd, fine quality, yds/decks \$345,000
Pacific Union, Bill Weissberg 339-6460 to \$425,000

2149 BLAKE ST, 3+bd/2ba, beautiful renovation, space/character \$329,500
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

1905 BERRYMAN, 5bd vintage shingle charmer w/pretty yard \$310,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X122 SUNDAY 2-4

1620 BELVEDERE, Berkeley 2bd/2ba \$237,000
Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495

1905 MCGEE, 2+bd/1 1/2ba \$224,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

1235 SANTA FE, Berkeley triplex \$220,000
Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495

1534 DWIGHT WAY, 2bd/1ba, just listed! ultra charm, hwdws, yard \$199,900
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

2328 CURTIS ST, 3bd/2ba, gd fr plan/spaces, yd, great buy! \$195,000
Templeton Company, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X142 SUNDAY 2-4

1358 HEARST AVE, 2bd/1ba, office, frpl, deck level yd, new roof \$189,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

2725 PRINCE ST #6 & #8, Elmhurst, wonderful remod 1+1/1 condos \$159,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 X228 SUNDAY 2-4

1420 STANNAGE, 2bd/1ba \$148,500
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

2733 1/2 FULTON, Spacious, very charming 2+bd, 1/2 duplex TIC \$145,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

2029 CHANNING, Just 3 left! new condos nr UC/BART/shops \$139,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 SUNDAY 1-4 to \$179,000

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

1305 NOBLE CT, 2bd/1b, cul-de-sac, hwdws, attached garage, pvt yd \$189,900
Security Pacific, Geri Stern 234-7808 SUNDAY 2-4

EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

4300 HORTON #10, 1+bd/1+ba, beaut upgrades, warehouse conversion \$215,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4

6 ADMIRAL #282, Emeryville 1bd/1ba \$135,000
Coldwell Banker, Rita Zwerdling 486-1495

ORINDA Open Sunday

121 LESLEE Ln, Outstanding 4 1/2 tudor, huge LR, FDR, patio, pool \$659,000
The Prudential CA RE, David Pierce 254-7890 X2403/254-5984 SUN 1-4:30

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

235 LASALLE AVE, 5bd/3ba Medit, den, level out to garden \$819,000
The GRUBB Company, Anlan Tunney 339-0400

331 ST JAMES DR, 4+bd/4 1/2, best opportunity/see this & compare! \$599,000
Mason-McDuffie, Roberta Ousterman 428-0900

457 MOUNTAIN AVE, 3bd/2ba, super project! location! \$535,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Patti Edmonds 655-2029

223 ESTATES DR, Sparkling 4bd/3ba contemporary w/bay view! \$529,000
Better Homes, Morrie Feigenberg 339-4000

120 ESTATES, Reduced! must sell/make offer! 4bd/2 1/2ba \$509,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205

570 MOUNTAIN AVE, VIEW from every room, 3+2 1/2, hwdwd floors \$489,500
Coldwell Banker, Joan Afford 339-1174

616 BLAIR AVE, 3bd, spacious & attractive, level sunny garden \$449,500
The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400

93 FAIRVIEW AVE, Wonderful 3bd/2+ba, FDR, hwdws, lg mstr suite \$415,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

7 LASALLE AVE, 3+bd/3ba, spacious rms, gd separation of space \$365,000
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 848-3097 SUNDAY 2-4

3 PARKSIDE DR, Charming 3bd/2ba, garden, close to schools \$359,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

100 RAMONA AVE, Charming 2/1, updt kitchen, FDR, garden \$299,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

429 LINDA AVE, 2bd/1ba, private garden setting, beaut kit/bath \$259,000
Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460

PINOLE Open Sunday

2419 COLUSA, Great location! BARGAIN 3bd/2b cosmetic fixer! \$139,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 SUNDAY 2-4

RICHMOND Open Sunday

979 36TH ST, Richmond N&E, nice 2b/1b bungalow, seller motivated \$121,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224 SUNDAY 2-4:30

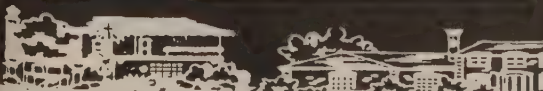
SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

1233 MONTROSE DR, Bay-O-Vista super clean 3+bd/3ba family hm \$279,000
nice grounds, prompt possession. Rinetti & Co., Al Rinetti 568-6171 SUNDAY 2-4

286 COVINGTON, Sheffield Village, 3bd, nw kitchn, FDR, 2-car gar \$209,000
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000 SUNDAY 2-4:30

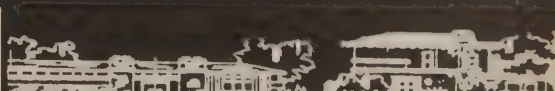
14373 DOOLITTLE DR, Sharp like-new condo @ Marina West, 3/2, \$119,500
fully equipped & vacant. Rinetti & Co., Al Rinetti 568-6171 SUNDAY 1-4

894 LEWELLING, Beautiful, bright up 2nd unit, deck, 2 pkg spaces \$103,000
Harbor Bay RE, Anna Woo 865-4340/Tere Lee 521-3352 SUNDAY 2:30-4:30



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Letters

Reluctant supporter

Editor:

I'm going to hold my nose and vote for El Cerrito Measure H.

Those who follow El Cerrito politics know that I advocate citizens be given the chance to vote on all new taxes. This is the first such opportunity and, although the City Council permitted this vote for the wrong reasons, I think it's important that we approve the proposed Fire-Benefit Assessment for two much better reasons:

1. The city's current income stream can't support even our present, inadequate level of basic services (police, fire, street maintenance and the like).

2. Passage of Measure H will help establish a precedent for the council to place new (and existing) taxes on the ballot in the future.

Has the council acted in an arrogant and high-handed manner in choosing to peg the FBA at \$125 per residential parcel, with an annual cost-of-living escalator and no sunset clause? Sure it has.

I fought harder than anyone else in

this city to convince the council to put the assessment on the ballot at the Services and Finance Citizen Task Force-recommended level of \$75. I was (and am) convinced that the FBA would have passed without serious opposition at that rate. At \$75 per year, my friend the late Bev Gent said she wouldn't have bothered to campaign against it, nor, I think, would my friend Sewall Glinernick (and, with him, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce).

And, at the \$75 rate, the FBA would have brought in an additional \$400,000 per year in new income (the \$125 rate will raise over \$800,000 per year in new money). By choosing to increase the assessment by \$50 per year, I think the council has elected to play "chicken" with El Cerrito's financial future ... and, if they have guessed wrong about the mood of the electorate, the possible consequences for our city are devastating.

Why would they take such a risk?

For the same reason that they set up the Task Force in the first place: They're terrified of the impact on city revenues should Proposition 218 (the

misnamed "Right to Vote on Taxes" Initiative) pass. As it stands, Prop. 218 looks like it will go down to defeat. If that happens and Measure H also loses, next year you can expect the council to pass an FBA (most likely at the \$125 level) without submitting it to the voters for our approval.

If Prop. 218 does pass, however, the council believes that Measure H will be the last chance to create a source of income for El Cerrito that will be sufficient to pay to rebuild our city streets, hire a few additional police and take care of all the infrastructure maintenance that we haven't had the money to do since 1990, when we had our last big fiscal crisis.

As a renter, I wouldn't be able to vote on a future assessment.

Homeowners would get one vote apiece. Larger, corporate landholders (like the Federated Department Stores, which owns the vacant Emporium, Milton Blak, who owns most of the rest of the Plaza, and the El Cerrito Country Club, which owns the golf course) would get dozens, even hundreds of votes apiece.

And Prop. 218 might even require

a new vote on assessments be held every single year ... I'm going to the polls to cast my vote against it no matter how lopsided the presidential vote turns out to be.

I hope you'll do likewise. Prop. 218 deserves defeat.

Then there's Measure G. We've been paying this same \$72 per year Lighting and Landscape Assessment since 1988. The money goes to trim trees and bushes on the city right-of-way and in our public parks, which, in turn, frees up money from sales and property taxes to pay for police, fire and other services. Measure G is the devil you know and it deserves your vote.

Thom Stark
El Cerrito

Looks like a shell game

Editor:

I've lived in El Cerrito for a long time and I have always thought that it is important to support services in El Cerrito, particularly to adequately fund our police and fire protection.

However, Measure H, the fire abatement assessment, does not live up to

this billing.

It appears that Measure H supporters are using the good name of fire prevention to encourage people to vote for the measure, when the city's real intention is to increase taxes for other city projects that could not be supported on their own merit. This seems like an old "bait-and-switch" tactic.

People will think they are voting to augment existing fire protection when, in reality, the passage of the assessment does not increase fire prevention at all — it simply replaces money already designated for fire protection so that monies can be used elsewhere. This looks like an accountant's shell game, not a bona fide increase in core services. If this measure actually increased fire protection, I'd probably be for it. But, I'm not going to be baited to vote for a measure that doesn't live up to its name. I urge my fellow residents to vote "No" on H.

H. D. Page, El Cerrito

Favors open space

Editor:

I'm voting "Yes" on Measure R

because I am in favor of open space. I am disappointed in those people who try to pick Measure R apart. Their objections don't add up to anything. Why can't people just say, "I'm in favor of saving Albany Hill, the existing creeks and building new parks and fields? If so, vote 'Yes' on R. If not, things aren't important to you, so you don't have to vote for it."

Why is it that when anyone is paying for community improvements, they always have to drag in all sorts of unrelated issues?

There is absolutely nothing in Measure R that is different from the way we pay for the Library/Community Center. It's no different than the way we pay for keeping up Memorial Park.

Let's have a little more honesty. A lot less nastiness around here. I wish they would be honest and just say they just aren't willing to chip in a few dollars a year to make our community better. That's the whole nasty smear campaign, and I sure hope the voters of El Cerrito can see through it.

AUTO SALES AND SERVICES

A Feature of the Advertising Department



by Karen Senzig

There are a variety of ways to buy a previously owned car (no one likes the term used car nowadays), and I've tried just about all of them at one time or another, all with varying degrees of success. One of the more recent options (which I wish that we had investigated before purchasing Chiquita, our

Out of Gas...

banana yellow 1980 Mazda 626, the most expensive \$500 car we've ever owned) is buying a car at auction, specifically the ALAMEDA COUNTY AUCTION which is held monthly in Dublin around the first week of every month.

For those of us who hate to haggle and negotiate over car prices, the idea that I can name my OWN price for any car or truck that struck my fancy is quite a novel concept. Anywhere else you buy a car, the seller sets the price. So I decided to talk to the folks

who promote the Alameda County Auction to get the inside scoop.

"Apparently it varies from month to month but the selection often includes drug seized vehicles, bank repo's and fleet vehicles."

The most important thing, I was advised, was to get out to the Friday Preview (or

Saturday morning) because that was when I could kick the tires, start the cars and really check them out. The available cars, vans and trucks are not available to drive due to insurance rules, but I can bring my mechanic along for a detailed analysis. This auction is open to the public and the Friday preview is from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Saturday Preview is from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. The Auction starts promptly at 9:00 am.

I wanted to know just what kind of cars would be available for auction. Apparently it varies from month to month but the selection often includes drug seized vehicles, bank repo's and fleet vehicles. I could expect to find among the over 300 quality vehicles

late model Mercedes Benz, BMW, Lexus and Jaguar as well as economy family sedans, pickups, old Chevy's, everything! Some of the hot ones to be auctioned off are: 90 Acura Legend, black, tan int., 86 Cadillac De Ville, white, blue int., 92 Corvette, green, burnt umber int., 88 Pontiac Bonneville, charcoal grey int./ext., 88 Ford SHO black, gray int., 95 Honda Accord LX midnight blue, taupe int., 91 Ford Taurus SWagon, maroon, gray int., 90 Chevy Astrovan gray dk/lt ext., gray int., 92 Acura Integra white, blue int., 94 Dodge Ram 2500 p-up, black, gray int., 92 Toyota Previa van, lt. blue-ish, 88 Acura V6 Charcoal gray int./ext., 92 Chevy Cavalier black, ext. only, 91 White Ford pick-up, blue int., 88 Chevy 1500 pick up, Silverado, 85 MBZ 500 SEL, blue, gray int., 89 Jeep Cherokee red, gray int., 88 Nissan 300 ZX, maroon int./ext., 91 Ford Tempo, red, int./ext., 92 Ford F-150 Stepside, blue int./ext., 84 Black Chevy S-10 pick up, maroon, int. shell, 85 Ford Bronco, green, tan int., 85 4-Runner Toyota, white, tan int., 90 Chevy Astrovan, blue,

blue int., 92 Ford F-150, beige, 92 Ford Taurus, aqua marine, 91 Ford Explorer silver, gray int., 88 SAAB 900 red, gray int., 89 Mercedes 300E, charcoal gray, phone MBZ 190E, silver, blue int., Jeep Larado, white, gray int., 94 Chevy Blazer S-10, red, Chevy Corsica, slightly light blue int./ext., 91 Ford Bird red, gray int., 86 Silver Jeep Cherokee Laredo, Nissan Pathfinder SE-V6, gray int., 94 Ford Taurus teal green, taupe int., Dodge Intrepid, silver, taupe int., 89 Chrysler LeBaron white, black top/int., 94 Ford Taurus GL, black, gray int., MBZ 190E, copperish, taupe int., 93 Olds Cutless Cruise white, gray int., 88 Plymouth Voyager, charcoal gray, gray int. A list of all the cars, trucks and vans to be auctioned is available if you attend the Friday Preview and that is the best time to see all the vehicles. Saturday is awfully busy with folks already making their bids.

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Teacher Feature

Albany's Rich Lohman reaches for the stars

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For the past four years, Rich has been involved in a program developed at Lawrence Berkeley Lab that lets students download images from the internet which are received directly from telescopes aimed at the stars.

As he begins his twenty-sixth year of teaching at Albany High, Rich Lohman is making the Hands-On Universe Program (HOU), previously only available to professional astronomers, accessible to Albany High students. HOU allows students to request specific images from space which can then be viewed directly from their classroom computers,

allowing computation of distances between objects in the sky and even permitting time-lapse comparison of objects in space.

"When I started teaching physics at Albany, I got very excited about the astronomy component of the course. My wife, Diane (a teacher at Albany's Marin School), bought me a small telescope, and I realized astronomy was something I really wanted to get into."

After receiving his Masters degree in electrical engineering from U.C. Berkeley, he and Diane, inspired by campus speaker Sergeant Shriver, joined the Peace Corps, spending 2 1/2 years in Chile where Rich taught electronics and Diane taught English.

After returning home, both realized how much they enjoyed teaching and proceeded to obtain

their credentials. A position in the Math Department was Rich's introduction to Albany High. After five years of teaching mathematics, he joined the Science Department, helping to develop the curriculum of biophysical science and physics now taught at Albany High.

Although the decrease in funding for science and education in general is discouraging, Rich has risen to the challenge this imposes. "I've always liked to improvise. We can use fairly inexpensive equipment and still provide the students with a valuable experience. Part of science is being creative with the things you have."

Being creative and stimulating students comes naturally to Rich Lohman. "Both my parents were teachers. As I was growing up, they communicated that being

of service to other people was very important." That tradition is carried on by his two daughters, Kelly and Tracy, both of whom attended Albany schools. Tracy is a teacher at Albany's Vista School and Kelly works at Planned Parenthood in Walnut Creek.

Rich's enthusiasm for science is contagious. "Mr. Lohman gives the kind of attention that makes you feel like you're the only one in his class," says Freshman Tali Weininger. "You can tell he really loves teaching. You enjoy his class because you can tell he enjoys teaching it."

When he isn't star-gazing, Rich enjoys singing, playing the piano and guitar, and playing the flute in Albany's Community Orchestra.

What would he would like to do when he's no longer teaching? "My wife and I hope to go see a total eclipse of the sun."

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Rich Lohman

Linda Goldfarb

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As a community service, The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway, and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

201 Announcements
BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland.

206 Found
FRIENDLY gray/white short-haired cat, at Montclair Park. Call the Recreation Center 482-7812.

207 Giveaway
FEMALE Ph Bull, 50 lb., brindle, about 2 years old. Leather collar. Doberman! 482-8884.

SMALL Black Kitten, found October 27th in Kensington Circle. Call Lara, 559-9175.

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204.

SHEPHERD Beagle mix, 1 1/2 years, spayed, housebroken, loving, active, excellent watchdog. No kids. Sophie 465-5421.

LAB and Husky, owner recently died. These loving adults dogs need a home together. 832-4314.

DOG, 14 month female, 3/4 Doberman, 1/4 Rottweiler. Excellent health, spayed. Friendly, likes kids. 980-8730.

FREE firewood, cut fireplace size, you haul. Euclid/Keith Ave. 525-2309.

"REX", male, long hair cat, orange, 1 year. Sweet, affectionate. Homeless. Donation Marc, 444-3204.

"BARTHOLOMEW" male cat, 2 years, Leukemia positive, needs foster! adoptive home immediately. Donation 444-3204.

"BILL" male kitten rescued, black, DSH, sweet, affectionate, donation 595-8275.

"GUY" 1 year, DSH, great tabby, very sweet, needs attentive home. Donation 528-9420.

"RACHEL", DMH, grey Tabby, 2 years, sweet and loving. Kittens also. Donations 638-1975.

CINDY, female cat, 1 1/2 years, white/black spots, extremely affectionate, friendly. Kittens also. Donation 796-8074.

ALAN, 1 1/2 years, abandoned blonde Tabby, DSH, neutered, incredibly sweet, friendly, affectionate. Donation 479-1440.

BABYGIRL, 5 years, DUH, tuxedo, adorable, very loving! affectionate lap cat, pup purr. Donation 268-1790.

PATCHES, female, white/black patches, 2 years, abandoned, very loving, sweet, playful, independent. Donation 825-4316.

"WINSTON", 4 years old, Old English Sheep dog, shots, neutered, friendly and loving. Donna 635-7067.

FREE firewood, Monterey pine, 5 plus cords, partially split. You pick up. 208-2837.

RESCUED kittens, 4, 5 months, healthy, shots, cute, cuddly, adorable. Donation 482-2448.

208 Lost
"CHARLIE", missing September 23rd, needs medication. Hangs out at Kinko's. Extra thick tail. Tabby. 848-2403.

"KATE" dark grey, short-haired cat, white "socks" white Alvarado and Gravit. No collar. Reward \$48-1670.

"TOM" All black DSH cat, still missing. Please return safely. We love you Tom. 530-7522.

EDUCATION
302 Childrens Schools & Camps
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447.

SMILES DAY SCHOOL
Pre-school program 2.9 - 5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00. 339-3830.

303 Instruction & Tutoring
A LEARNING PLACE
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley. 531-2500.

INSTRUCTION for adults and children. Experienced, credentialed teacher. Reading, math, science and computers. Christine 232-8560.

CHEMISTRY, math specialists. Also, SAT, reading, more. Lessons at your home. Mature, experienced teachers. 525-6634.

Instruction & Tutoring

INJECTION and IV Certification course for CNA's, MA's, EMT's by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141.

COMPUTER SPECIALIST
We teach Windows 95, upgrade, configure, set-up, advice. \$25/hour. Call Charle 589-9680.

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy course by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered institution. #2800291.

FRENCH lessons by native, certified teacher. 18 years experience. All ages, levels. Call 510-523-7490.

304 Musical Instruction
ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-90. 511-5629 message.

PIANO Lessons: Jazz, Blues, Classical, more. Experienced, patient. All ages. First lesson free. Ariel, 865-3943.

PIANO, organ lessons, your home. All levels, styles. Adults and children. Very experienced. Linda, 655-0680.

PIANO (classical): Fun, validating lessons, all ages! Through, personalized instruction. Intermediate students especially welcome. Former conservatory faculty. Judith Metes, 843-4541.

LEARN piano easily, all ages/levels. 15 years experience. Taught with light touch. Leslie 524-3858.

EMPLOYMENT
401 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE assistant, Holistic School, 24-30 hours/week, some nights. Phone office work, communication/marketing skills helpful. Send resume and cover letter to Personnel, 1533 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 94709.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
For nonprofit radio training program for teens. Experience in IBM/MS Word helpful. 30 hours/week. Salary \$8-10/hour DOE plus benefits. Resume: 1925 MLK Jr. Way, Berkeley 94704.

ADMINISTRATIVE assistant for international trade organization. Strong organizational and writing skills a must. proficient knowledge in MS Word, Excel and ACT 5-mail and internet. Please call 510-251-5910.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Build Your Bridge To The Future
AT BRADFORD STAFF

- Full charge bookkeeper/Office Manager for Construction Industry 5+ years. Experience GL and producing Profit and Loss statements. \$35,000-\$45K.
- Office Administrator/Secretary 5+ years. Have WWB experience, detail oriented and tech background a plus. \$30K.
- Receptionist/Secretary: Strong initiative and hard working; heavy phone use; office office supplies.
- Sales: Inside and outside sales people needed for computer training industry. All levels and experience wanted. \$25-\$30K. Plus commission.

Call 510-272-9911, or fax 510-272-0212. BRADFORD STAFF

ADVERTISING SALES
Classified publications has an opening for a sales representative in its retail advertising department. The successful candidate must have a minimum of 2 to 4 years solid experience in sales. Your primary responsibility will be new sales development and serving of new and existing accounts. We offer a competitive compensation program which includes salary, commission and benefits. Please respond by mail or fax resume to: Personnel Manager, P.O. Box 1151, El Cerrito, CA 94530 or fax 510-237-7894. EOE.

AIRLINES Hiring! Will train. Customer service, clerical, baggage, flight attendant. Great pay. 733-3230 ext. 130.

ALAMEDA insurance Agency seeks full time or part-time customer service representative or sales associate. personal lines commercial lines. Experienced preferred. 523-2924.

ANIMAL Lovers- part-time home visit pet sitting. Bona fide, reliable, gas efficient car, available before 9 a.m. and 6-30 p.m., 7 days, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sitters needed in Piedmont, Montclair 278-1234.

ASSEMBLER Machine Operator (Training) Shifts, Car, Bonita 861 (Advantage), Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 893-9612.

ASSISTANT for Berkeley Optometry full-time. Must be detail oriented, organized and computer literate, experience preferred but will train if you demonstrate outstanding potential. 526-3937.

ASSISTANT Manager, good benefits, friendly store. Apply Berkeley Natural Grocery, 1336 Gilman St., Berkeley.

ASSISTANT manager. Individual must be energetic, customer service, detail oriented with previous supervisory and accounting experience preferred. Call Jaime 510-436-1576.

ATM Technician, entry level. Guaranteed 40 hours per week. No benefits. Day and night shifts. \$7.50/hour to start. Must have reliable transportation (mileage reimbursed). Clean DMV (no DU or SI) and criminal record. No criminal record. Fax resume (510) 352-8415.

BAKERY Sales Clerk, full/part-time. Experienced preferred. Apply in person: Virginia Bakery, 1690 Shattuck, Berkeley.

BILLING Administrator, full-time. Rockridge/Oakland firm seeks sharp, committed, dependable, B.S. graduate with organizational and PC skills. Duties include invoice, payroll, function. A/R. Recent bookkeeping experience required. Full benefits. Send Cover Letter and Resume to: P. 5335 College Ave., #22, Oakland, CA 94618.

BIO-FEEDBACK Instrumentation company looking for computer tech/sales support, part-time. Salary, Open DOQ. Fax resume 510-339-2222.

BUSY Berkeley body shop needs exceptional prep, painter and body person. Fax resume 510-841-1467.

CASHIER, evenings/weekends, experience preferred, Rockridge area. Relaxed atmosphere. Part and/or full-time position. 653-6418.

CASHIER full-time, friendly store, good benefits. Apply in person: Berkeley Natural Grocery, 1336 Gilman, Berkeley.

CHILD CARE Assistant needed in family daycare home. \$6/hour, 20 hours/week, 2-6 p.m. Requirements: references, TB test, fingerprinting, own transportation. 632-9327, Ms. Jones.

CITY OF PIEDMONT
FIRE CHIEF
We are looking for an innovative leader to join a creative problem solving team which deals with budget, planning and coordination of day to day challenges. Candidates with disaster preparedness and SEMS training experience desirable. Must have knowledge of the principles and practices of municipal fire administration, applicable laws and experience in department administration. Equivalent of graduation from a four year college with major course work in fire science, fire administration or a closely related field and three years of fire service is a typical method of obtaining the knowledge and skills required. Salary: Open DOQ (currently \$6,186/month plus excellent benefits). Deadline for receipt of all applications: November 15th, 1996. 5 p.m. City of Piedmont, Human Resources, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611 or call (510) 420-3046 for application materials.

401 Help Wanted

COORDINATORS for student exchange organization seeking host families. Supervising school year and summer programs. Training provided. Experienced preferred. Send resume and cover letter. Swift, 7106 Sayre Dr. Oakland, CA 94611.

COPY snook counter person needed with experience. Lakeshore Area. Full-time, benefits. 510-763-2661.

COUNSELORS: Inpatient/Outpatient drug treatment center for teens needs experienced, talented case managers. Bilingual a plus. Call 653-4270 ext. 152.

COUNTER Help. Apply in person. Dollar Cleaners, Oakland, corner of 49th St. and Telegraph Ave.

CYBELLE'S Pizza. Montclair now hiring drivers. Day evening shifts. Mile. 482-8157.

DELIVERY Drivers. Cash paid hourly \$10-\$12. Hourly. Apply: Domino's Pizza, 1204 Fruitvale Ave. 530-6609.

DENTAL Hygienist. Busy general preventative practice seeking RDI for Friday and Saturday. Compensation to client care with periodic, oral, or dental education. Salary based on commission. Contact Kathleen or Lori at 510-526-1757.

DENTAL Receptionist. Business Administrator. Self-motivated, strong verbal, financial skills required. Experience preferred. Fax resume 510-548-0156.

DRY Cleaner. Looking for experienced counter person and presser. Full and part-time available. 452-3086.

ELDERCARE in-home or live-outside. CNA's with excellent references. Call Home Sweet Home Agency 415-565-4416.

EXPERIENCED wait person and del. prep help. Apply in person: Skylight Cafe, 2318 Central Ave., Alameda.

FLOWER Sales Clerk. Experienced Flower Outfitted best in East Bay. Full-time, salary, benefits. 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. weekdays and holidays. Customer service, cash register experience required, management potential. Flower/plant experience helpful. 450-1350.

GENERAL Office. Detail oriented, quick learner, great attitude, great comp. or experience a plus. work well with public. hourly rate \$7.50. hrs. great! Mauna environment, please apply in person. 1150 Balena Blvd., Suite 111, Alameda.

HOME and office assistant. North Berkeley. Dependable, patient, organized, creative, one children, own car. 548-5263.

HOUSECLEANERS- Now hiring! Merry Maids! Weekends, weekly pay. Paid training. Need Car! Insurance. El Cerrito to Alameda. 510-595-7545.

LEARN rug restoration on beautiful antique carpets. \$8.75 start. Monday-Friday 10-2. Sewing or related experience. Long term. Call Montclair Rug Co. Call Miri at 534-0817.

LOCAL frame shop is now interviewing for part-time full-time framing, sales, and production positions. Creativity, reliability and ability to work well with others are qualities we are seeking. Training or related experience is preferred. However training is provided. Interested? Contact Maria or Yuri at 510-444-2356.

MAINTENANCE person part-time or on-call. Knowledge of general building electrical, plumbing for apartment and office buildings. \$35-8152.

Help Wanted

PEET'S COFFEE & TEA

Our Fourth Street, Domingo, Solano, Lakeshore and Piedmont stores are currently interviewing for part-time, seasonal retail sales positions. In person, apply at 1776 Fourth Street, 2616 Broadway Avenue, or 1815 Solano Avenue in Berkeley. Call 510-843-2558 for an application. We are seeking energetic, customer service oriented individuals with a positive attitude. We encourage applications from people of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds.

Part Supervisor, 2:30-11:00PM shift. Skilled nursing facility. Call: Esther (510)235-5514. Fax resume: (510)235-4976

Sales, floor covering, full-time, benefits, salary commission, experience preferred. Immediate availability, busy Berkeley location. Fax resume to: Caryl 510-883-2115

Sk. Technician and Ski Boot Fitter. Experienced, customer oriented, customer service and sales. Part-time. Call: Caryl 510-883-2115

Tutor, experienced only, \$12/hour plus travel. 25+ hours per week. 209-441-1382, B-1.

TEACHER: Opportunity to use computer as a teaching tool with students ages 4-11 years. Oakland. Maximum class size of 4. Elementary Education degree with EOE units and equivalent required. 10-15 hours/week to start, will train. Learning Street, USA, 283-4914.

TEACHER assistant, for preschool in Rockridge, Monday-Friday. Great opportunity/working environment. 510-652-7021

TEACHER for toddlers, 18-30 months, full-time/permanent position for preschool, block from El Cerrito del Norte BART 236-7479

TEACHER Special Ed. 9 year Cerebral Palsy student. Position: teaching, driving. Unit: exceptional. Piedmont 933-2273

TELEFUNDRAISERS WANTED!! Season Durrin and Associates, a national leader in fundraising for non-profits is looking for enthusiastic individuals who are professional and articulate. We are offering immediate training and a variety of non-profits including:

Bay Area's Most Prominent AIDS Organization
Public TV and Radio Stations Nationwide
Earn base pay and generous bonuses while helping organizations you care about. Afternoon and evening shifts available, permanent part-time, minimum 20 hours per week and one weekend shift per week required. Near Berkeley BART. Call Monday-Friday at 510-540-5792, ext. 213.

TELEFUNDRAISERS WANTED!! Mature, compassionate and articulate people to help in California's largest homeless outreach program. Mornings and weekends, especially on holidays. BART. Base pay plus bonus. 510-540-5792 ext. 213.

VALET PARKING
Wage plus tips, part-time, full-time. Management positions available. 1-800-701-3763

VETERINARY Receptionist part-time weekends as day clinic, experience preferred. No phone calls. Resume: 1410 Everett Street, Alameda 94501

402 Independent Employment
Adventures in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

\$1,000's POSSIBLE READING BOOKS
Purchase All home. Toll Free 800-898-9778, ext. 9-1087 for listings.

\$1,000's POSSIBLE TYING
Part-time At home. Toll Free 800-898-9778, ext. 1-1767 for listings.

Homeworkers Urgently Needed!!
Earn weekly paychecks from the comfort of your own home. Free details. Send long, self-addressed stamped envelope to: SPFL Dept. 003, PO Box 267, Alameda 94501

HOME TYPISTS
PC users needed \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-9433, ext. B-21136

TRAVEL AGENTS WANTED
Part-time Full-time; no experience needed; training provided; call 510-794-1267.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY \$500-\$900 WEEKLY POTENTIAL
Processing Mortgage Refunds. Own hours. Call 1-800-601-6620, ext. 2283

OWN a company exploding with GROWTH! Work at home. Wealth, health, support. No risk. 839-7127.

WORK at Home: Assemble crafts, woodwork, etc. For free information send self-addressed stamped envelope: Home Work Network, P.O. Box 100, DeForest, WI 53532 or call 888-865-7244

Salon Opportunities
A Berkeley salon needs hairstylist for booth and/or retail. Her experience a plus. Nancy, 855-9991

Volunteer Opportunities
NON-PROFIT facility in Oakland Hills seeks volunteers to do general clerical, copying and filing. 2 days/week. Mornings or afternoons available. Contact Paula at 510-531-3111, ext. 318 or send email to Lincoln Child Center, 4366 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, CA 94602

Employment Exchange
Cook for Piedmont family, exchange for own room and meals. Flexible schedule. 655-0111, leave message

YOUNG, professional married couple will provide companionship, security, light chores, shopping and gardening for disabled or elderly person in exchange for private living quarters, cottage or in-law unit. Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito. Experienced. Excellent references. USA and Isaac, 858-9451

Employment Wanted
BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment (housekeeping, gardening, childcare, painting, sewing). Skilled and reliable. 864-9011

PRIVATE Chef from Switzerland available to cook gourmet food at your residence. Part-time/Full-time. 655-9242

Employment Information
RESUME: Many careers clearly reflect the job you want. Susan Ullrich-Brown, Career Counselor, 820-2071

Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted
FRIENDLY(S) for disabled men and women, weekends. Call Community Access 261-2400, Rosalee or Marc

ELDER care, Elder Care Home, Berkeley, 548-7713

HOUSECLEANER Reliable, competent, person. Regular work in North Berkeley. References available. Call 482-8677

Childcare Wanted
WOMEN full-time or part-time or live-in. Child-care experience, references, car required. Call 533-2273. Be In Our Care Nanny Agency

NANNY for infant, 3 days/week. Near El Cerrito. Call: 510-843-2558

TIME live-in childcare needed for 2 young boys 5 and 3. Non-smoking. Must have references. English as second language. Call 510-667-7810

OVERSEER/governer. Delightful girls 6, 4; boy 4. Nutrition, music, language CD 3 afternoons/week. Tuesday, Wednesday evenings. 639-0035

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$195 sell \$295. 886-8127

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito; Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

Call Classified Advertising 339-8777

Childcare Wanted

ROCKRIDGE Family seeking experienced, English speaking nanny for boys 4 and 1 1/2. Flexible 3-5 days/week. 601-0257

NANNIES

Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fees. Moms Away, 559-9195

CREATIVE, energetic babysitter for childcare and transportation (Boy 3, girl 8) Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-6:45. Must have car, insurance, excellent references. Oakland. Kathy 530-4557

CHILD CARE wanted for 8 year old boy, Crocker Highlands, 3:30-6:45, Monday-Friday. Energetic, loving, non-smoker. Reliable car, fluent English and references required. 834-5652, evenings

LIVE-IN childcare, twin toddlers. Warm, dedicated, fluent English. Some Weekends, paid vacations. Crocker Highlands 465-6952

NANNY/light housekeeping. Live-out, Piedmont, kids 8 & 5. Must have car, Wednesday, Friday required or more. 547-6143 evenings

DRIVER/Childcare, part-time for children Tuesday, Thursday, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Friday 3-6 p.m. 433-2930

MONTCLAIR family needs energetic, English speaking, non-smoking helper with car. Some childcare, cooking, chores, basketball \$8/hour, 3:30-7 p.m., Monday-Friday. (510)339-8422 evenings

CHILD CARE Piedmont, 2 children, 24-30 hours/week. Must have car, good references. 655-1457

LIVE-IN childcare, housekeeping, 2 sweet girls, Berkeley/Rose, board, salary. References, English speaking. 540-1221; 785-1444

SPECIAL NANNY NEEDED
Castro Valley. Full-time live-out, 10 month old. Must be loving, energetic. \$2000/month. Many other excellent East Bay nanny jobs. Mothers-in-Deed 415-461-7755.

410 Shared Childcare
WONDERFUL nanny to share with our happy 15 month old daughter, full-time preferred. (Car/CPR). Day 415-438-1030 or 510-339-3423

PIEDMONT family seeks baby to share wonderful nursery, 9-4 daily. Our home/your home. 601-5886

411 Childcare - Licensed
LARGE, warm, loving home. Meals, CPR certified, references. License #010214651 infant-toddler opening. Coe 655-5699

CLUB Jenna has room for full-time or drop-in care for 2-5 year olds. Large family atmosphere. 9 years experience. Crocker Highlands #010212736. Jenna 835-4540

412 Babysitting Offered
THE NANNY NETWORK
We'll find you a great babysitter. All our nannies speak English, have experience and excellent references. 652-6371

MY wonderful babysitter for three years is looking for a new home. Full-time. Own transportation. 510-339-1126 or 415-742-2346

OUR loving, reliable babysitter seeking full-time work with 1-2 infants. Own transportation. 339-3044, 261-4350

LOVING childcare available immediately in your home, full-time. Excellent references, experienced, own car. 483-7702

413 Home Health Care Offered
The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 409

ABLE CARE INC.
Personal, quality 24-hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and insured. 510-685-4704

414 Research Studies
WE PAY FOR YOUR OPINIONS!
Men/Women/Children
Give us your opinions on new products, taste tests, advertising, etc. Call Veribourg & Associates 510-521-6600 between 10 and 4.

FINANCIAL
HOMEMAKER seeks pleasant studio or cottage with separate entrance, approximately 500 sq. ft. in Berkeley, Oakland, Montclair, Piedmont for textile/quitting studio. Quiet, respectful, references. Mary Ann, 510-652-3740

502 Business Opportunities & Services
Adventures in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?
Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611

ATM machines and rechargeable phone cards. Up to \$6/transaction. 800-455-3663

TRAVEL Agents wanted, part-time/full-time, will train. 510-522-4239

FABULOUS INCOME OPPORTUNITIES
Come to meeting every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Montclair Recreation Center, 6300 Moraga Ave., Oakland and hear about Oakland-based Destiny Telecomm International. 4% on all long distance; 5% on international; California; retail and residual profits on prepaid phone cards; 25% on custom phone cards. All for Only \$100 Purchase Of 5-Hour Prepaid Collection Phone Card. Fax Reservation to 510-339-6672

INTRODUCE new success TV network, ideal home based business. 523-2905

THE WORLD OF TRAVEL TRAVEL AGENTS WANTED
Full-time, part-time, will train. Become an Independent agent. Earning potential is fantastic. For more information call Larry or Renee 510-632-1475

\$1,000 WEEKLY
Stuffing envelopes at home. Free Details. Self-addressed stamped envelope. Dept. 2283, P.O. Box 5137, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

503 Financial Services
BE responsible! Estate planning information, major savings, benefits and protection for your family. 510-287-9016

FOR SALE
601 Antiques & Art
ESTATE SALE Rare! The period European and American antique furniture, paintings, tapestries, rugs, etc. 415-572-0558

UNCLE WILL'S ANTIQUES
Victorian Furniture and Accessories. Fine China and Crystal. Call (510)569-0274 for free catalog

603 Garage & Estate Sales
GARAGE SALE ADS?
See Clip 'n Go on the 1st page of Classified Ads

605 Home Furnishings
15th Anniversary Special
Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details

314 Albany & Kensington
ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito; Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

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Home Furnishings

DUNCAN Style glass oval dining table, 6 chairs, hutch with beveled glass with gold trim. Like new. \$1400. 482-1088

LATE model Sears washer/ electric dryer, \$350 both. Teak desk, 5/1 drawers. \$100. 237-4287

MAHOGANY dining table with 8 chairs, contemporary, made in Brazil, \$1150. Rattan dining set with 4 chair and glass top, \$55-52-76

DESIGN showroom dining pedestal table, china cabinet, buffet, Honduras mahogany, excellent condition and price \$54-0928

606 Miscellaneous For Sale
FIREWOOD- Autumn, Special: \$135/mixed cord oak, almond, walnut available 5900 Coliseum Way. Daily 635-1778

MAN'S Rolex watch, day/ date, FX, new \$170. Super Christmas gift. 530-5853

FIREWOOD, seasoned oak, madrone, fir. Will deliver. 534-1430

NORDIC TRACK Sequia, like new, \$350/ best offer. Call after 6 p.m. (510)522-5542

CLAREMONT Club transferable membership. Price negotiable. 658-2572

607 Miscellaneous Wanted
WANTED- An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. Ives- 547-1278

608 Musical Instruments
PIANO- Yamaha Studio, walnut, 10 years, excellent condition, tuned \$2000. Suite 596-6218 days. 482-4319 evenings

609 Pets - Care & Supplies
TROPICAL Fish (3): Yellow and blue Tang; Clown fish. Moving. Must sell. Best offer. 531-6236

RENTALS
PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

Equal Housing Opportunity

All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to Federal Fair Housing Act in 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial composition or marital and physical handicap, or an intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Provided as a service by Hills Newspapers, Inc. and the Equal Housing Opportunity Act of 1968. On behalf of REALTORS who are signatories on the Voluntary Affirmative Marketing Agreement

703 Garage & Storage Rentals
WANTED: Garage for vehicle and some storage. Price 380-0491

Two secure garages, storage, 18'x3' each, secure; \$75/ month. Also basement 120 sq. ft.; \$70/month. Berkeley 883-0605

\$40 MONTH, Berkeley garage space, clean, parking only 1 month free/ minimum 6 months. 849-2785

704 Housing Wanted
QUIET professional seeks cottage or house to share (preferably with separate entrance) 510-428-0930.

REWARD \$100 Successful, stable, single mom looking for 1-2 bedroom apartment in Rockridge, Berkeley, North Oakland. \$1000 range. 559-1853

\$250 REWARD
For information leading to the rental of a 1-2 bedroom house or attached apartment in Montclair, Berkeley Hills or Orinda. Professional. Non-smoker. No pets. References. David, 510-935-1095

HOMEMAKER seeks pleasant studio or cottage with separate entrance, approximately 500 sq. ft. in Berkeley, Oakland, Montclair, Piedmont for textile/quitting studio. Quiet, respectful, references. Mary Ann, 510-652-3740

URGENT need 3 bedroom house in Berkeley December 2. Have Section 8. Call 835-0436

RESPONSIBLE, mature woman with 2 cats and grand piano needs quiet 1 bedroom cottage. 939-7556

706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals
\$925 QUIET Condo- Rose garden, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, remodeled kitchen/ fireplace. November 1st- February 1st, possibly longer. Karen, 415-753-3019

\$500 PLUS utilities. Share Oakland Hills, 5 bedroom, 3 bath house. November 1- February 510-568-1212

707 Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast
SOUTH Lake Tahoe, large, luxurious, secluded home. Sleeps 8, 3 baths. Weekly/ monthly rates (510)523-3737

NORTH Lake Tahoe condo, sleeps 8, \$2000/night. Available December 18th-26th. 531-0163

APTS. - CONDOS. - FLATS FOR RENT

709 Alameda
\$480 LARGE Studio \$550 Very large 1 bedroom Se Habla Espanol. Call Lewis 510-523-7119

FURNISHED studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Direct dial phones, cable, HBO, laundry, maid service. Near shops and transportation. Weekly \$210- up. Monthly \$750- up. 523-6633

711 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda
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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 23, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-5971
The Name of the Business:
Bay Air Services, 12640 San Pablo Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805
Is registered by the following owner:
David L. Grover, 1527 Madera Drive, Pacifica, CA 94044
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 24, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 24, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6098
The Name of the Business:
California Translations, 3225 Harbor St., #5D, Pittsburg, CA 94565
Is registered by the following owners:
Mehdi Gorji, 3225 Harbor St., #5D, Pittsburg, CA 94565
Khashayar Gorji, 3225 Harbor St., #5D, Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by Co-partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 1, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 1, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-5991
The Name of the Business:
Bay Area Windows NT User Group, 515 Kearney St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Edwin Rutsch, 515 Kearney St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 25, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 25, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6403
The Name of the Business:
Hercules Financial, Hercules Realty, 19 Maria Vega Ct., San Pablo, CA 94806
Is registered by the following owner:
Virgilio P. Tablante, 19 Maria Vega Ct., San Pablo, CA 94806
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 15, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 15, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6143
The Name of the Business:
Nile Driving School - East Bay, 2146 N. Main St., Suite C, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Is registered by the following owner:
Taregy A. Sebnat, 1644 Park Ave., #5, San Jose, CA 95126
Yohannes A. Araya, 1850 Hanover Dr., #206, Davis, CA 95616
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 2, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 2, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6032
The Name of the Business:
B&C Fire Extinguisher Co., 380 Fleming Lane, Antioch, CA 94509
Is registered by the following owner:
Ronald Canada, 2517 Kennedy Way, Antioch, CA 94509
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 27, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 27, 1996
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T.S. No. GM-32247-F Loan No. 31-183483-7 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/1/88. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cash drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s). Advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustee: Janice Stephens, a married woman as her sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. Recorded 12/14/88 as Instrument No. 88 231038 in Book 14771, page 194 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California. Date of Sale: 11/15/96 at 10:00 AM. Place of Sale: At The Main Street Entrance To The City Hall, 1656 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek, California. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$62,742.38. Street address or other common designation of real property: 518 Silverhill Street, Richmond, CA 94806. APN #: 544-281-005. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: October 16, 1996 EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. 15455 San Fernando Mission Blvd Suite #208 Mission Hills, CA 91345 818-361-4488 Rick Snokke Trustee Sale Officer C219642 1024, 1031, 137 1996

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6118
The Name of the Business:
Carathimas & Associates, 20 Annabel Lane, #101, San Ramon, CA 94583
Is registered by the following owner:
George Carathimas, 4483 Deer Ridge Rd., Danville, CA 94506
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 1, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 1, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6354
The Name of the Business:
ALTRA Communications, 173 Shoreline Court, Richmond, CA 94804
Is registered by the following owner:
Deepak Bhargava, 173 Shoreline Court, Richmond, CA 94804
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 11, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 11, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6465
The Name of the Business:
This business is conducted by a corporation

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Koulopou's Landscaping, 1408 Sutter Ave., #1, San Pablo, CA 94806
Is registered by the following owner:
Koulopou Satchin, 1408 Sutter Ave., #1, San Pablo, CA 94806
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 17, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 17, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-5986
The Name of the Business:
Shelly's Just 4 U Gifts, 94 Hilo Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565
Is registered by the following owner:
Michelle Lynn Brown, 94 Hilo Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 25, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 25, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6227
The Name of the Business:
KUNG FU USA, 10557 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Schwen Int'l Financial Resource Corp., 3725 Noriega St., San Francisco, CA 94122
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 1, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 7, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6113
The Name of the Business:
Curtain Connection, 1113 Burwood Way, Antioch, CA 94509
Is registered by the following owners:
Remedios Olveros, 1113 Burwood Way, Antioch, CA 94509
Olivia O. Templeton, 4806 Bridge Ct., Antioch, CA 94509
Cecilia Tolentino, 2745 Biubell Circle, Antioch, CA 94509
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 1, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 1, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6191
The Name of the Business:
Flaming Pie Productions, 546 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owners:
Ira Scott Levin, 546 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Joshua Albert Garey, 546 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Gregory Alan Minter, 379-A Monterey Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94131
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 4, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 4, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6190
The Name of the Business:
Zamena International, 376 KE-1 Boulevard, Richmond, CA 94805
Is registered by the following owners:
Danny James Rowan, 376 KE-1 Boulevard, Richmond, CA 94805
Theodore Michael Graham, 376 KE-1 Boulevard, CA 94805
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 2, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 4, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6305
The Name of the Business:
Avba Financial Services, 2178 Goff Ave., Pittsburg, CA 94565
Is registered by the following owner:
Barry Franklin, 2178 Goff Ave., Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 7, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 9, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6096
The Name of the Business:
Realty Check Marketing, 16 Silverhill Way, Suite 200, Lafayette, CA 94549
Is registered by the following owner:
Robert D. Guth, 16 Silverhill Way, Lafayette, CA 94549
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 30, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 30, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6091
The Name of the Business:
Fashion For Less, 1072 13th St., Richmond, CA 94801
Is registered by the following owners:
Janice Johnson, 2361 Lowell Ave., Richmond, CA 94804
Petrus Desire, 2381 Lowell Ave., Richmond, CA 94804
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 1, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6148
The Name of the Business:
It's My Party, 6501 Central Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Vivian Maria Evans, 6501 Central Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 2, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 2, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6220
The Name of the Business:
1) Amerimax International Group, 2) AIG, 987 Contra Costa Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Are registered by the following owners:
Lawrence Cheng, 987 Contra Costa Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Nancy Tso-Rolando, 255 Red Rock Way #101, San Francisco, CA 94104
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 7, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 7, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6388
The Name of the Business:
Radsons Office Supply Company, 12341 San Pablo Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Is registered by the following owner:
M. W. Druceker & J. L. Druceker, Inc. A California corporation
This business is conducted by a corporation

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 14, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 14, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6528
The Name of the Business:
The Wellness Group, 117 Overhill Rd., Orinda, CA 94563
Is registered by the following owners:
Karen Burt, 117 Overhill Rd., Orinda, CA 94563
Robert Burt, 117 Overhill Rd., Orinda, CA 94563
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 21, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 21, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6242
The Name of the Business:
To The Point Travel, 2300 El Monte Dr., Oakley, CA 94561
Is registered by the following owners:
Ricardo P. Cruz, 2300 El Monte Dr., Oakley, CA 94561
Nympha E. Cruz, 2300 El Monte Dr., Oakley, CA 94561
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 7, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 7, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6392
The Name of the Business:
MAIKAI ASSOCIATES, 1159 King Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Wilhelmina Wilson, 1159 King Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 14, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 14, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6080
The Name of the Business:
All Roofing Services, 180 Golf Club Rd., #128, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Is registered by the following owner:
John D. Van Tatenhove, 1570 Willow Pass Rd., Pittsburg, CA
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 30, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 30, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6098
The Name of the Business:
Vacation Station, 227 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Robert J. Carodus, 227 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 30, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on September 30, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6154
The Name of the Business:
More Than Pets, 90 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94504
Is registered by the following owner:
Madeline Satsuko Yamate, 90 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94504-7133
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 3, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 3, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6154
The Name of the Business:
More Than Pets, 90 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94504
Is registered by the following owner:
Madeline Satsuko Yamate, 90 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94504-7133
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 3, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 3, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6117
The Name of the Business:
Heart's Desire Plus, 39 Fircrest Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583
Is registered by the following owner:
Janice Fraser, 39 Fircrest Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 3, 1996
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PE FOOD EXPRESS

Voted Best Deals and Most Informed Staff

Cool exotic pets may not be staring up at you from every corner, but Pet Food Express is full of deals and good advice for dog and cat owners.

Bird supplies are also available, but the best bargains are to be had when buying large amounts of pet food.

The store carries *Professional*, a hard-to-find brand of dog and cat food that is relatively inexpensive and the nutritional equal of the flashier name brands.

In addition, managers from each store have the solution to almost every pet problem, from finicky eaters to flea infestation.

Check out the low cost vaccine clinics the stores sponsor with VIP Vaccine ser-

vice every weekend at all locations.

Along with vaccine clinics, Pet Food Express offers dog training and pet washes at most of its locations.

Dog training is sponsored using Gary Maria's Professional Dog Training classes. Gary has specialized in group classes and private one-on-one training for over 20 years. He has competed in AKC obedience competitions, trained dogs in Schutzhund, trained dogs for the handicapped, for police officers and professional athletes.

Most Pet Food Express locations are equipped with fully automated, state-of-the-art, self-service pet washes. Pet owners can rinse, shampoo, and dry their pets with ease.

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Taught by Professional Trainers Every Weekend at Pet Food Express. Call Stores for Times.

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Corner of University
(510) 540-7777

El Cerrito
11501 San Pablo Ave.
Across from Target
(510) 232-7777

Livermore
1436 First St.
Across from OSH
Opening December '96

Montclair
2220 Mountain Blvd.
Behind 76 Station
(510) 530-5300

Pinole
1430 Fitzgerald Dr.
Across from Target
(510) 758-7779

Walnut Creek
1365 N. Broadway
1 blk. from Nordstrom
(510) 945-7000

San Francisco
1798 19th Ave.
Corner of Noriega
(415) 759-7777

San Leandro
1933 Davis St. #145
Next to Home Depot
(510) 562-2222

Walnut Creek
1365 N. Broadway
1 blk. from Nordstrom
(510) 945-7000

Lucky

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attractive park space around it.

In doing so, the company would not be destroying any "historic channel" for the creek, since the Southern Pacific Railroad "rechanneled" it years ago, as mayor Norma Jellison pointed out.

Jellison also had an idea for enhancing the open space to be created around a newly restored creek — she suggested the company's design team explore the possibility of locating the store's deli section in that area and making outdoor seating available.

Agency chair Norman La Force said he has discussed the proposal

with several members of the community, and all of them agreed with the idea of relocating, restoring Baxter Creek. His own ingenuity to go along "with the creek" predicated on Lucky's commitment "to do something around the creek," he said.

The La Force suggested, in fact, the store's development team include an expert in such projects. Told Qualls that there is some general funding available for restoration of urban creeks.

Tierney will present the proposal to members of the development Advisory Committee at their Nov. 25 meeting.

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under the fictitious business name listed above on October 1, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6568
The Name of the Business:
Serenity Sculptures, 3871 Martha Drive, Martinez, CA 94553
Is registered by the following owners:
Kelly Ann Wilson, 3871 Martha Drive, Martinez, CA 94553
Brian Keith Wilson, 3871 Martha Drive, Martinez, CA 94553
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on October 22, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 22, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6391
The Name of the Business:
Jack L. Harris, Private Investigator, 33 Kingswood Dr., P.O. Box 8493, Pittsburg, CA 94565
Is registered by the following owner:
Jack L. Harris, 33 Kingswood Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July, 1984
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 14, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-6117
The Name of the Business:
Heart's Desire Plus, 39 Fircrest Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583
Is registered by the following owner:
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- El Cerrito — 11501 San Pablo Avenue (510) 232-7777
- Livermore — 1436 First Street Opening December '96
- Montclair — 2220 Mountain Boulevard (510) 530-5300
- Pinole — 1430 Fitzgerald Drive (510) 758-7779
- Rockledge — 5144 Broadway (510) 654-8888
- San Francisco — 1798 19th Avenue (415) 759-7777
- San Francisco — 371 West Portal (415) 759-1400
- San Leandro — 1933 Davis Street, (510) 562-2222
- Walnut Creek — 1365 North Broadway (510) 945-7000

Buy Any 3 Items, Get a 4th FREE

Discount taken off lowest priced item. Limit 1 with coupon. Cannot be combined. Exp. 11-12-96

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15 Minutes. Regularly \$8
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Includes Shampoo & Dryers

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Wines For The Season

RECIPES

Pear-shaped Chicken with

Pears, Mushrooms & Potatoes

Chicken Sausage Jam

Pinata Ponche

Salpicon de Jaiba

Prawns Dore

Lemon Grass Chicken

Marinated Mushroom

WHAT, WHEN, WHERE & HOW

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KEY:

● Wheelchair access V Visa

MC MasterCard AE American Express

CI Carte Blanche D Discover

DC Diner's Club ATM Automatic Teller Machine

COVER: Chef Dennis W. ...

Pear-shaped Chicken ...

Terrace Room at the ...

Hotel.

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Breakfast Lunch

MAMA'S
Royal
CAFE



Featuring: Hobb's
Applewood Smoked
Meats, Le Pique-Nique
Chicken and Smoked
Turkey Sausages,
Locally Smoked Salmon,
and Mama's own Daily
Specials, Muffins,
Scones, Waffles,
Granola and Eight-Grain
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510-559-4564

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415-924-4287

Pumpkin Pie
in a cornmeal crust

Fresh Apple Pie
with a streusel topping

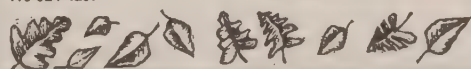
Pecan Tart
in a shortdough crust

Fruit Tart
with assorted seasonal fruit

Apricot or
Pear Tart
baked in an almond cream

~ Other Specialties ~

Pumpkin Dinner Rolls
Croutons
Pumpkin Cheesecake
Cranberry Orange Quick Bread
Pumpkin Spice Cookies



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Alajunta Distinctive Indian Cuisine.....	1888 Solano Ave.
Anderson's Park & Shop Deli.....	1850 Solano Ave.
Barney's Gourmet Hamburgers.....	1591 Solano Ave.
Berkley Bakery.....	1561 Solano Ave.
Boran Thai Restaurant.....	1892 Solano Ave.
Cactus Taqueria.....	1881 Solano Ave.
Cafe Crayon.....	1309 Solano Ave.
Cafe Del Sol.....	1742 Solano Ave.
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Letter

Let's Rendezvous!

By Frosene Phillips

Welcome to Rendezvous, the Hills Newspapers' Guide to Culinary and Entertainment Destinations. Designed for reference, the guide provides diners and funseekers with a variety of information on good eating and entertainment in the East Bay.

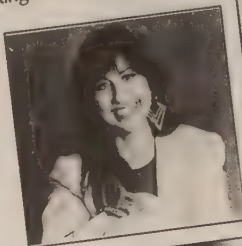
With the holiday season upon us, planning ahead is a priority. Be it a dinner reservation, private party, catering need or simple awareness of operational hours or pricing, Rendezvous is the vehicle to assist your planning.

In keeping with the holiday theme, six local restaurateurs have shared their favorite recipes for your enjoyment. While turkey is traditionally the staple this time of year, take a look at the offerings that come your way via Louisiana, Mexico, Vietnam and Italy.

To further assist your dining experience, the listings include those restaurants offering breakfasts, weekend brunches, early bird dinners, catering, outdoor dining and food to go as well as those establishments which easily accommodate children.

Whether the guide is kept in the home, office or glove compartment, you will find it resourceful, efficient and informative.

So now, I invite you to turn the page and RENDEZVOUS!



FROM THE EDITOR

Crogan's

Oldest restaurant in Montclair



6101 La Salle Avenue, Oakland
339-2098

Crogan's

At the Danville Hotel



411 Hartz Avenue, Danville
855-9300

HOW TO EAT A BURRITO

1

PEELING PROCESS

In a circular motion, remove foil in strips an inch or two at a time exposing just enough to eat. Eat. Repeat as necessary.

4

PRACTICE

As with other lower-brain-driven activities, there is no substitute for regular practice, if you want to improve your ability.



2

ANGLE OF ATTACK

Hold burrito upright and eat from one end to the other.

3

SUPPORT STRUCTURE

Remaining foil keeps burrito warm, intact, and out of your lap.

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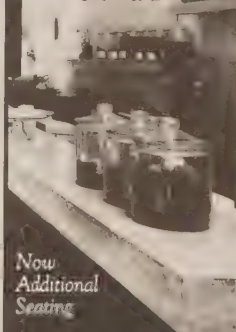
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◆ 4th & University, Berkeley 841-0960

BUTTERCUP KITCHEN

This popular eatery is just a short walk from Jack London Square. Specializing in home style cooking and featuring a wide spectrum of dishes from omelettes and breakfast skillet, sandwiches, and farmers market style salad bar to fresh fish, tender calf's liver and chicken champagne. Breakfast and lunch are served all day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. - \$3.99 to \$9.89. Dinner menu available 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. - \$6.95 to \$11.95. Large banquet facilities. Children's menu. @, V, MC, AE, D.

◆ 229 Broadway, Oakland 444-2976

DIGGERY INN

Anthony and Olga Giapitsoglou, proprietors. Approaching the 25-year mark in business, this popular neighborhood restaurant features gyro, burgers, gourmet omelettes and homemade desserts. 98% fat free menu available featuring egg white omelettes, low fat waffles and French toast, skinless chicken breast and low fat turkey and ham. Open for breakfast and lunch from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$5 to \$8. Brunch served weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Complete catering services available. Outdoor seating. Food to go.

◆ 4212 Park Blvd., Oakland 531-0224

ICE CREAMERY

Simon El-Zakheim, proprietor. Masood Sharif, manager. Recently reopened, this ice cream parlor makes its own ice cream right on the premises. Sundaes, cones, shakes and more. Sandwiches are also available. The menu expands in November to include hamburgers, fries, onion rings and grilled sandwiches. Lunch Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday to midnight - food from \$6, ice cream from \$2. Children's menu. Catering. Food to go. @, V, MC, D.

◆ 3276 Lakeshore Ave. Oakland 832-6616

MAMA'S ROYAL CAFE

An American cafe with a comfortable homey atmosphere. Breakfast Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. - \$5 to \$8. Lunch menu Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$5 to \$8. Children's menu available. @

◆ 4012 Broadway, Oakland 547-7600

OAKLAND GRILL

Nissan Sardinian, proprietor. This popular eatery is located in the Oakland produce area, adding to the attraction here. Chosen by Travel Leisure as one of the top 100 restaurants in the country. The menu features grilled dishes, fresh fish and pastas. Breakfast Monday through Friday 6 to 11 a.m. from \$2.95. Lunch daily 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$3 to \$8. Sunday brunch 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$2 to \$10.95. Dinner nightly 5 to 9:30 p.m. - \$7.95 to \$14.95. Food to go. @, V, MC, AE, D, DC.

◆ 301 Franklin St., Oakland 835-1176

PACIFIC COAST BREWING CO.

Steve Wolff and Don Gortmiller, proprietors. John Campau, manager. Brick, wood and stained-glass highlight the decor giving this brewery/pub the atmosphere of an old Victorian pub. American and some British items on the menu. House favorite is the "Ploughman's Platter"; hearty sausages, pizza and specials are available. Four award-winning

ales brewed on the premises feature and there are 20 draft lines for brew lovers. Heated outdoor patio for dining Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday to 1 a.m. day to 11 p.m. - \$4.95 to \$8.95 V, MC, AE, DC, D

◆ 906 Washington St. Oakland 836-BREW

PLOUGHMAN'S RESTAURANT

The decor here is casual. Ploughman's (meatloaf) sandwich is the specialty. Senior special offered Monday through Friday 11:30 p.m. \$6.95. Menu ranges from omelettes, waffles and assorted traditional breakfast dishes as well as burgers, sandwiches, including fresh roasted turkey sandwiches, salads, chili, steaks and seafood items. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6:30 a.m. - \$3 to \$11.95. Food to go. V, MC, D, ATM.

◆ 1600 Washington Ave. San Leandro 483-0326

SHENANIGAN'S

Larry Friedberg general manager. Well appointed in a Victorian style with a relaxing water view. The freshest in fish and food, prime rib, steak, chicken, pasta dishes. Lunch Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$5.95 - \$12.95. Sunday brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - adults \$17.95, seniors \$15.99, children 3 to 10 \$6.99. Dinner Sunday through Thursday 4 to 9 p.m. Friday Saturday to 10 p.m. Early birders nightly 4 to 7 p.m. \$10. Some restrictions apply. Children's menu. Happy hour 4 to 7 p.m. Cocktail lounge open seven days a.m. to closing. Entertainment Friday. Banquet facilities for 300. Food to go available. @ MC, AE, DC.

◆ Jack London Village, Oakland 839-8333

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◆ **Clarion Suites**
Lake Merritt Hotel
1800 Madison, Oakland
832-2300

TGI FRIDAYS

Joe Coury, proprietor. Marcel Scarpio, manager. Located in Jack London Square, this popular establishment specializes in creating an atmosphere of festivity. Lunch and dinner daily 11 a.m. to midnight - \$4.95 to \$15. Cocktail lounge open daily during dining hours. Children's menu. Catering and food to go. @, V, MC, AE, D, DC, CB.

◆ **450 Water**
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◆ **1982 Pleasant Valley Ave.**
Rockridge Shopping Center
Oakland 654-0915

◆ **2455 Mariner Sq. Dr.**
Alameda 846-RIBS

◆ **24047 Mission Blvd.**
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Tuesday through Friday 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday to noon - \$2.50 to \$6. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$4 to \$7.50. Dinner Tuesday through Thursday 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday to 9 p.m. Sunday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. - \$10.50 to \$15. Children's menu. Beer and wine. Food to go. @, V, MC, D.

◆ **1491 Solano Ave.**
Albany
525-4647

ZAZOO'S

Masooda Hotaki, proprietor. Mohammad Homayun, manager. Located in Jack London Village, this casual restaurant provides waterfront dining. Shish kabob is the specialty. The menu offers burgers, pastas and seafood dishes. Selected beers and wine are offered. Beer and wine. Open daily. Lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$6 to \$8. Dinner 5 to 9 p.m. - \$10 to \$15. Outdoor dining. Food to go. @, V, MC, AE, ATM.

◆ **Jack London Village**
Oakland
893-7440

BRAZILIAN

385 COLUSA BRAZILIAN RESTAURANT

Jales Valadao, proprietor. Rosana Brito, manager. Silvio Barbosa Jr., chef. This newcomer is bringing new flavor and spirit to the East Bay. Simply decorated, the walls are adorned with the paintings of artist Ilana Goldner, enhancing the atmosphere here. Feijoada Completa, the national dish of Brazil, is the signature dish - a hearty stew of black beans, smoked meats and sausages. Caipirinha, Brazil's national drink, is the cocktail specialty. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. - \$5 to \$11. Dinner nightly - \$11.95 to \$15.95. Entertainment to be announced. Banquet facilities, private dining room, full bar. Food to go. @, V, MC, AE, D, DC, CB.

◆ **385 Colusa Ave.**
Kensington
526-1500

CALIFORNIA

SOLANO GRILL & BAR

Philip Chen, proprietor. Sam Chen, chef. This brasserie style eatery features California dishes with an Asian flair as well as European traditions. Homemade gourmet desserts. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 3

p.m. - \$6 to \$8. Dinner Sunday through Thursday 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday to 10 p.m. - \$9 to \$16. Full bar open during dining hours. Closed Monday. Wine list includes special reserves. Banquet facilities. Food to go. @, V, MC, AE.

◆ **1133 Solano Ave. Albany**
525-8686

CHINESE

AMBROSIA GARDEN

Su Luan Chung, proprietor. This delightful newcomer offers new Taiwanese vegetarian cuisine in a modern spacious setting. The house specialties are smoked vegetarian goose, spicy braised vegetarian fish, vegetarian ham bundle surprise and ants in a tree. Items are well executed with attention to presentation. The menu presents healthy dishes that have been prepared with low oil and salt and no MSG. Open daily. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - \$4 to \$6. Dinner 5 to 10:30 p.m. - \$8 to \$14. V, MC, AE.

◆ **843 San Pablo Ave.**
Albany
528-5388

CHINA STATION

Alon Yu, proprietor. The style here is early California. Located in the historic Southern Pacific Railroad Depot, the specialty is Szechuan chicken and garlic clams. Lunch daily 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - \$4 to \$6. Dinner daily 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$8 to \$15. Full dinners or light suppers available for after-theater dining. Food to go. @, V, MC, AE, D, DC, CB.

◆ **700 University Ave.**
Berkeley
548-7880

LONG LIFE VEGI HOUSE

David Tseng, proprietor. Celebrating 17 years on University Avenue, the atmosphere is casual. Vegetarian and seafood dishes are the specialty. Beer and wine. Lunch daily 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$4 to \$5. Dinner daily 3 to 9:30 p.m. \$5.75 to \$10. Early bird daily 3:30 to 5 p.m. - \$4.95 to \$5.95. Catering. Food to go. @, V, MC, AE, D, ATM.

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RENEE'S PLACE

Rence Rong Rong Wang, proprietor. Specializing in Szechuan, Hunan and Shang Hai cuisine, this newcomer features Marco Polo prawns, General garlic chicken and onion pancakes. The chef here hails from Shang Ha. Chinese or American beer and wine available. Open daily. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$3.95 to \$4.25. Dinner 3:30 to 10 p.m. - \$6.50 to \$7. Catering. Food to go. @, V, MC, AE.

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SHANGRI-LA

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◆ 3336 Grand Ave.
Oakland
839-9383

SILVER PALACE
RESTAURANT

Szechuan, Hunan and Cantonese fare. Recently remodeled, the decor is contemporary. Tea smoked chicken is the specialty. Tropical drinks include mai tai, zombie and pinacolada. Lunch Monday through Friday noon to 3 p.m. - \$4.75 (soup, salad, entree). Dinner Monday through Sunday 4:30 to 10 p.m. - from \$6.25 to \$9.95. Lounge open Monday through Friday noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 4:30 to 10 p.m. New small banquet room to 20 and groups. Catering and food to go. @, V, MC, AE, DC, CB

◆ 6516 Moraga Ave.
Oakland
339-9380

TSING TAO
RESTAURANT

Nancy Lu, proprietor. Now in a new location, the restaurant features Chinese and Mandarin cuisine. Open Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday noon to 9:30 p.m. @, V, MC.

◆ 1479 Solano Ave.,
Albany
526-6223

COFFEE HOUSES

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ET AL

Christina Campbell, proprietor. This popular neighborhood cafe is located in the Glenview District. Intimate and stylish the cafe expanded this year to accommodate more seating. The menu features sandwiches, soups, salads and pastries. In addition to featuring special coffee drinks, teas and Double Rainbow ice cream, coffee is available for purchase by the pound. Open Monday through Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - \$2.50 to \$4.50. @

◆ 4225 Park Blvd.
Oakland
482-8206

CONTINENTAL

FAT LADY

Jerry and Patricia Rossi, proprietors. One of Oakland's favorite eating and drinking spots for the past 26 years. The upstairs has been beautifully remodeled and features Saturday and Sunday breakfast and lunch. This intimate restaurant is reminiscent of a Victorian bistro and saloon. A painting of the "Fat Lady" from which the restaurant gets its name is prominent. Breakfast Saturday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - from \$6.95 Live entertainment Thursday through Sunday. Banquet facilities to 85. V, MC, AE.



1799 University (corner of Grant) 849-6881

◆ 201 Washington St.
Oakland
485-4996

KISS

Rolf Gurtner, proprietor. Continental cuisine here leans towards a Swiss touch. The sphere is reflective of the restaurant - spaciousness centered with kisses. Open: Lunch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - \$6. Dinner 5 to 10 p.m. - \$6. Complete meals and a la carte. End brunch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to \$10.50. Children's menu catering available. Food to go. @, MC.

◆ 1902 University Ave.
Berkeley
486-1569

OVERLAND HOUSE

Don Drotloff, proprietor. An Oakland landmark. The decor is traditional. Menu offers steaks, chops, grills and fresh seafood daily. Lunch 11 a.m. - \$6.95 to \$13.95. Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner Sunday 5 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 5 to 11 p.m. - \$6.95 to \$17.95 for take out available. Piano entertainment Friday and Saturday 10:30 p.m. Banquet rooms available. Limited catering. Near Jack London Cinema. @, V, AE, DC, CB.

◆ 101 Broadway
Oakland
268-9222

CREOLE
CAJUN

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

T.J. Robinson, proprietor. Creole cooking featured. Robinson's creativity is well-known and her reputation continues to grow. Children delight in the unique sphere of the Gingerbread House. Jambalaya, whiskey-stuffed beans and rice, sassy contraband pick-your-heart-out chicken are among Robinson's specialties. Breakfast features T.J.'s breakfast omelettes, cheesy grills and more. \$1.50. Lunch Tuesday through from noon - from \$5.95. No reservations necessary at lunch. Tuesday through Friday 2 to 4 p.m. Dinner Tuesday through Friday 8:30 p.m. and 4, 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday - from \$12.95. Sunday and Monday. Gift shop noon to 8 p.m. offers food to go, parties, weddings and banquets. V, MC, AE, CB, DC

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LE BLANC'S LOUISIANA CUISINE

Diane and Harold LeBlanc, proprietors. The decor here is in the style of the New Orleans French Quarter. French Creole cuisine featured. Dixie Blackened Voodoo Beer the specialty. Lunch Tuesday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Closed Monday. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday 5 to 9 p.m.; Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Fat Tuesday" Mardi Gras parade through Montclair Village in February. @, V, MC.

◆ 4228 Park Blvd.
Oakland
482-5303

FRENCH

CREPES A GO GO

This French cafe offers sweet and savory crepes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. See the chef prepare your "made to order" crepe in the front window on display. Dessert crepes are the specialty here. Open 7 days a week. Outdoor dining. Food to go and catering also featured.

◆ 2125 University Ave.
(at Shattuck Square)
Berkeley
841-7722

ENZO'S

French/Italian cuisine. (See Italian section for complete details).

◆ 5891 Broadway Terrace
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652-4442

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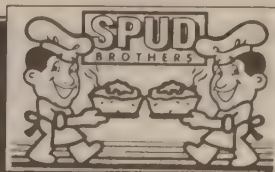
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4 oz. cream
6 crimini mushrooms
2 ripe pears
pinch nutmeg
salt and pepper
2 tbsp. olive oil

Puree chicken breast in food processor and add to bread mixture.

Mix in remaining stuffing ingredients. Cook a thimble size of stuffing in two inches of simmering water for 4 minutes and taste for seasoning.

Add salt, pepper and nutmeg, necessary, to taste.

Stuff cooled stuffing into leg of chicken and fold breast under, forming chicken into pear shape.

Roast chicken in 350 oven for 1 to 40 minutes.

Remove chicken from pan. Deglaze pan with brandy and wine. Reduce by 1/2 and add to stock and continue to reduce.

When sauce lightly coats the chicken, of a spoon, lower heat, swirl butter and taste for seasoning and pepper to taste.

Place chicken in center of plate. Sauce around chicken. Heat remaining 2 pear halves, remove seed stem and set on plate with chicken. Toss seeds from pomegranate bowl.

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1 1/2 cup veal sauce
1/2 cup red wine

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Wines for the Season

By Denis Kelly

The holiday season is upon us again and the questions I often hear in my wine classes are: What are good wines to bring as gifts? What are the best wines for holiday get togethers? What wine goes with the holiday turkey? The answer is easy: choose wines that are fun to drink, not too complicated or expensive, and are light enough to go with holiday foods.

Even if you're a wine buff, it's not a good idea to try to turn the party into a wine tasting. So don't bring that cherished bottle of Chateau Lafite that Uncle Gustave left you to the festivities. Nobody will notice the great wine amid all the merriment and Uncle Gus will be spinning in his grave by the end of the party.

Instead, choose a light sparkling wine from France, California, or Spain to drink with the hors d'oeuvres. Or a fresh and fruity California Sauvignon Blanc. Or you can bring along a delightful Nouveau Beaujolais from the

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current vintage: a young red wine that pairs well with just about everything from turkey to prime rib to crown roast of lamb.

There are any number of delicious and inexpensive sparkling wines from France, California, and Spain available in the Bay Area. These tasty sparklers are made by the traditional method used in the Champagne country of Northern France, but come from different regions and often use different grape varieties. They might lack some of the richness and depth of true Champagne, but they are just right for holiday parties.

Some of the best of these wines come from France: Cremant de Bourgogne, a lightly sparkling Chardonnay from Burgundy is one of my favorites and Blanquette de Limoux from the hills near Carcassonne in Southern France is another. Both are made in a bright and fruity style, crisp and clean, perfect for before-dinner drinking. They retail in the \$8 to \$12 range.

California winemakers are making terrific sparkling wines these days that range from fresh, simple, and inexpensive to richly layered and complex wines that rival Champagnes in quality and price. Again, I'd stick with the simpler wines here: a lightly pink Blanc de Noirs made from Pinot Noir, for example, or a Chardonnay-based Blanc de Blancs. The less expensive wines can be found at around \$9 or \$10 while the more prestigious cuvees get up to \$20 or more.

Spanish winemakers in the hills near Barcelona make inexpensive and very drinkable sparkling wines based on native grape varieties. These range in price from \$6 up to \$12 and offer some of the best values in sparkling wine today.

If you want to bring a white wine to the feast, Sauvignon Blanc from California is your best bet. We make some lovely wines from this versatile grape ranging from crisp and grassy wines from the Dry Creek area of Sonoma County to soft, melony wines from Livermore and the northern part of the Napa Valley. Sauvignon Blanc is wonderful as an aperitif and also goes well with turkey and other flavorful birds.

The Nouveau Beaujolais arrives from France about November 15 every year and it is a great wine for the holidays. This light red wine goes with a whole host of foods and can also be enjoyed just by itself for its rich, fruity flavors. It is the perfect wine for turkey: light enough to go with the white meat and with just enough body to stand up to the dark. Many California winemakers make delicious "Nouveau" wines based on Zinfandel, Pinot Noir, and other varieties.

And remember the Prime Rule of Wine, at the holidays or any time, is Enjoy! Don't spend too much time sniffing, and slurping, and pondering the bouquet. Pick wines that everyone will love and get down to the business of the holidays: celebration!

Denis Kelly teaches about wine at U.C. Berkeley Extension and Diablo Valley College. He writes for magazines such as Gourmet and Wines & Spirits, has lectured on the history of food at the Smithsonian Institution, and is the author of books about food, wine, beer, and gastronomy.

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1 lb. andouille sausage sliced into 1/4 inch lengths
2 chickens (fryers), cut up
2 to 2 1/2 cups white onions (5 small) finely chopped
1 medium green pepper, finely chopped
4 stalks celery, finely chopped
3 tbsp. cooking oil
1/2 6-oz. can tomato paste
2 bay leaves
1 tsp. basil leaves

1/2 tsp. chili powder
1/4 tsp. red pepper
black pepper (sprinkle)
1 tsp. salt
3 small cloves garlic, chopped
2 1/2 cups raw Uncle Ben's converted Rice
6 green onions with tops, chopped
parsley (small handful), dash Tabasco

Pour the cooking oil into an iron pot and heat. Add the sausage and brown very well on medium heat.

Remove sausage and set aside. Place the chicken into the pot and brown very well, turning around. After the chicken has browned, remove and set aside.

See RECIPE

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RUSTICA (con't)

Byron Gougounis, proprietor. Expanding last year to Montclair Village, this quaint location features rotisserie chicken prepared in a new and innovative style as well as a Greek deli and an extensive pizza selection. Menu is available for take-out and delivery. Open daily 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. @, V, MC.

◆ 6106 La Salle Ave., Oakland
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Announcing the opening of a new location in November. Serving the Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington areas.

◆ 1585 Solano Ave., Berkeley
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**Recipe**

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Drain excess fat. Add chopped vegetables (except green onions and parsley) and cook until tender, stirring as needed.

Add 1/2 can tomato paste and stir well into mixture as cooking continues.

Gradually add stock as mixture is stirred. Bring to a slow boil, and then add sausage and chicken, stirring well. Let boiling resume, then add seasonings and the chopped garlic. Cover and cook at a slow boil for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add 2 1/2 cups rice and stir well.

Bring back to a very slow boil, cover and cook for 25 to 30 minutes without uncovering. Add chopped green onions and parsley and stir well. Add a dash of Tabasco and stir. Remove from heat, let set for 5 minutes, then serve.

Ham and shrimp also make an excellent Jambalaya. Prepare as above. Oysters may be added if desired. Add after the other cooking is complete.

Cook oysters about 3 minutes (until the edges begin to curl). Serve immediately.

Serves six to eight.

MEXICAN**CACTUS TAQUERIA**

Sara Wilson, proprietor. Epifanio Perez, manager. This popular Rockridge District taqueria offers a complete menu of traditional favorites. Specials include fish and lamb dishes and change daily. Lunch 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday to 9 p.m. - \$1.55 to \$7.75. Mexican beer available. Outdoor dining. Children's menu. Catering. Food to go. @, V, MC, ATM.

◆ 5655 College Ave.
Oakland
547-1305

CANTINA

Dan Rubino, General Manager. The atmosphere is colorful and warm at this Glenview District favorite. Sizzling Fajitas and Torta Yucateca are the house specialties. Lunch daily 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$4.95 to \$8 plus Monday through Friday buffet \$6.95 adults and \$3.95 children. Dinner from 2:30 p.m. - \$5.50 to \$12. Sunday brunch buffet 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$7.95. The cocktail specialty is the Margarita. Happy hour 4 to 7 p.m. Entertainment on special holidays. Children's menu. Outdoor dining. Food to go. @, V, MC, AE, D.

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Michael Oldham, general manager. The decor is Mexican and features traditional dishes. The house specialty is the fajitas. Lunch Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$4.95 to \$7.95. Sunday brunch 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - \$9.95 adults, \$3.95 children 12 and under. Dinner Monday through Thursday 3 to 11 p.m.; Friday; Saturday to midnight; Sunday noon to 10 p.m. - \$7.95 to \$11.95. Cocktail lounge features Cadillac margaritas. Ole Hours in the bar from 4 to 8 p.m. with a new menu for under \$5. Taco Tuesday Mania from 4 to 10

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Hutson

- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) fresh cranberries
- 1 gallon cranberry juice
- 1 bottle (1.75 liters) silver te-
quila
- 2 cups Cointreau
- 1 6-oz. can frozen limeade con-
centrate (optional)

- 4 navel oranges
- 1 handful jamaica, (dried hibis-
cus blossoms)
- 3 10-inch cinnamon sticks
- 2 lemons sliced
- 2 limes, sliced
- 12 kumquats, sliced in half
lengthwise
- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) frozen peaches
- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) frozen blueber-
ries
- 2 or 3 12-oz. bottles Reed's Orig-
inal Ginger Brew (Jamaican-style
ginger ale)
- 2-3 star fruit, sliced

Several days in advance, rinse
the cranberries and drain in a colan-
der, freeze them on a tray, then store
in a freezer bag. Use half of them to
freeze in decorative ice cubes, one
per cube.

Pour the cranberry juice, tequila,
Cointreau, and limeade concentrate
into a 2 1/2 gallon container; add
the sliced oranges, jamaica flowers,
and cinnamon sticks; chill over-
night.

A few hours before serving, add
remaining sliced citrus and frozen
peaches. Just prior to serving, add
the remaining frozen cranberries,
the blueberries, star fruit and ginger
ale to taste.

Serve in long-stemmed wine
glasses filled with the decorative
cranberry ice cubes and slices of
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Note: You can also add a strip of
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SALPICÓN DE JAIBA

(Shredded crabmeat and chopped vegetables)

Reprinted from "The Cuisines of Mexico" by Diana Kennedy

A frying pan
1/4 cup peanut or safflower oil
1/3 medium onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup celery, finely chopped
4 chiles serranos with seeds, finely chopped
1 cup cooked, shredded crabmeat
3 tbs. finely chopped fresh coriander
Salt to taste

Serve with hot tortillas

Heat the oil and cook the onion gently, without browning, until it is soft. Add the celery, chilies, and crabmeat and fry until they just begin to brown slightly. Lastly, add the coriander and salt and cook for 1 minute more.

The delicate meat of the hard-shell crabs should be used, and 5 large ones should yield 1 good cup of meat.

Diana Kennedy always chooses female crabs so that the eggs and the crab fat can be used to enhance the flavor even more.

Enough to fill 12 small tortillas.



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bird specials Sunday through Thursday 3 to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 3 to 5 p.m. - \$9.95. Cocktail lounge. Entertainment Thursday through Sunday. Banquets to 45 and over. Food to go. @, V, MC, AE, D.

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GARY'S GRILL & BAR

Gary and Polly Wong, proprietors. This intimate Montclair dining room offers a variety of dishes. Food to go. Catering. @, V, MC, AE.

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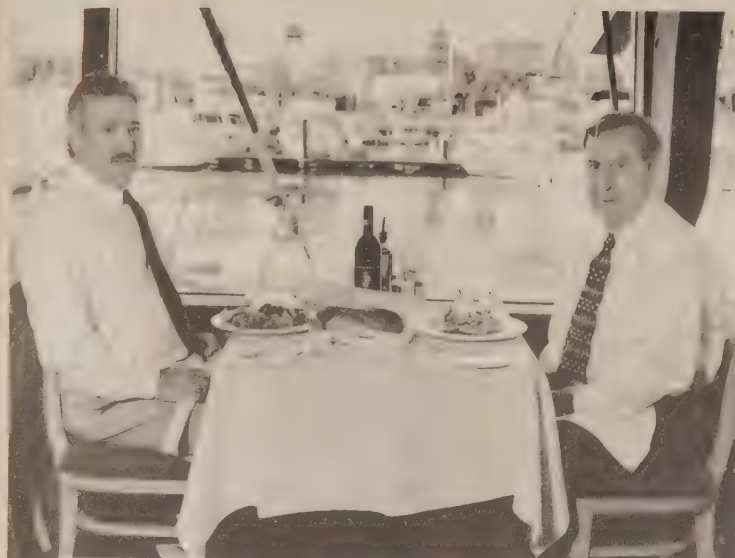


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Milvano Orsi and Ottavio Guidi, owners of Jack London Square's oldest restaurant, Il Pescatore, enjoy Prawns Dore tableside. This simple tasty dish can be prepared in just minutes.

IL PESCATORE'S PRAWNS DORE

1 dozen large prawns
4 eggs, beaten
3 tbsp. butter
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup white wine
1 tbsp. capers

Flour prawns lightly, then dip in egg. Saute approximately 3 minutes. Add wine, lemon and capers. Saute together for about 2 more minutes. Salt and pepper to taste.

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◆ 1734 San Pablo Ave.
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433-1320

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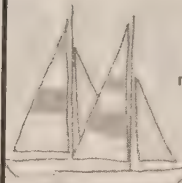
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EVENTS

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Offering an eclectic array of dining choices, this unique area continues to attract customers throughout the Bay Area. (See advertisement on page 2 for complete list of restaurants).

♦ Solano Avenue
Berkeley

TERRACE ROOM

Live jazz Wednesday and Thursday. (See AMERICAN for complete details).

♦ Clarion Suites
Lake Merritt Hotel
1800 Madison
Oakland
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Just For Kids

Many restaurants offer discounts for kids and have separate menus as well. Participating restaurants who cater to your little ones are:

Alameda County

AMERICAN

Buttercup Kitchen
Diggery Inn
Ice Creamery
Mama's Royal Cafe
Shenanigan's
Terrace Room
Emil Villa's

CHINESE

Shangri-La
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Kiss
Overland House
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EUROPEAN

Nadine's

FRENCH

Thornhill Cafe
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Gary's
Kincaid's
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THAI

Lotus Thai
Contra Costa County
GREEK

Alekos Cafe
SEAFOOD

Crogan's
Scott's

How About Some Brunch?

Don't want to start a weekday morning by slaving over a hot stove or settling for a piece of toast or the same old cereal? Well, the following restaurants offer a respite from this personal preparation with weekend brunches:

AMERICAN

Diggery Inn
Oakland Grill
Shenanigan's

CONTINENTAL

Kiss
Overland House
CREOLE/CAJUN
LeBlanc's

EUROPEAN

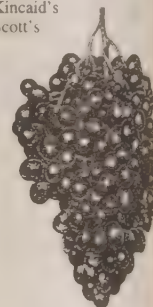
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FRENCH
Thornhill Cafe
ITALIAN

Il Pescatore
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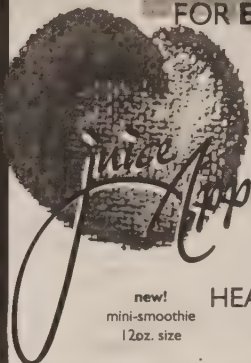
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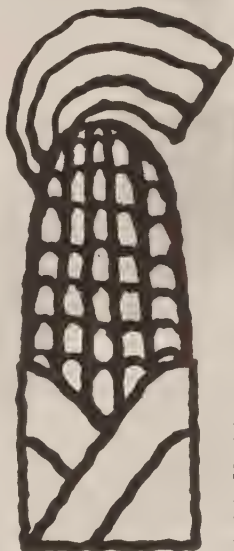




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Tuyet Thi Bui, owner of Le Cheval in downtown Oakland, takes a moment to feast. A family operation that celebrates daily, the Tran family suggests the Lemon Grass Chicken for your next party.

LE CHEVAL'S LEMON GRASS CHICKEN

1/2 lb. breast of chicken (skinless), sliced

1 tsp. lemon grass, finely ground

1/2 onion, diced

1/2 tsp. curry

3 tsp. soy sauce

1 cup chicken broth

2 tsp. sugar

1/2 tsp. MSG (optional)

Marinate chicken in a touch of salt. Heat oil, add lemon grass, onion and curry. Then add chicken. Combine soy sauce and sugar and add. Cook slightly. Add chicken broth and simmer until done. Top off with ground peanuts.

Serves two.

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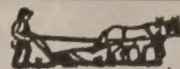
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AMERICAN

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Steve Tumbas, Director of Food & Beverage. This new restaurant concept was recently introduced in the Duck Club lounge. Now renamed the Bistro at the Park, the menu features French Onion Soup, Cajun Salad, Rotisserie Roasted Chicken and Pork and Duck Coussoulet. Priced at \$10 and under. Extended list of beers, wines and cocktails is available. The Bisto is offered Monday through Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 3 to 9 p.m. Free valet parking. @, V, MC, AE, D, DC, CB.

◆ 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Lafayette Park Hotel
Lafayette
283-7108

GREEK

ALEKOS CAFE

Alexander Gailas, proprietor. Located next to the Orinda Theatre at Orinda's Theatre Square and in the heart of Walnut Creek on North Main Street, the cafe features Greek home cooking offering traditional specialties. Gyros, spanakopita, moussaka, pastitso, dolmades, stuffed peppers, souvlaki, roasted chicken with lemon and oregano are just a sampling of the Greek classics here. Desserts feature baklava, rice pudding and kourabiedes (butter cookie). Open daily. Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday to 9:30 p.m. Saturday noon to 9:30 p.m. Sunday noon to 8 p.m. - \$2.50 to \$6.50. Food to go. Outdoor dining. Catering available. @, V, MC, ATM.

◆ 2 Theatre Square,
Suite 105, Orinda
254-5290

◆ 11389B North Main St.
Walnut Creek
944-9292

ITALIAN

ALEXANDER RISTORANTE

Alexander Gailas, proprietor. This romantic intimate Orinda favorite is now in its 10th year. Works of Bay Area artists complement the

ambiance. The menu features Italian and Mediterranean cuisines. Pasta, breads and desserts are prepared daily, lunch Tuesday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. under \$10. Dinner nightly 5 to 11 p.m. - \$8 to \$16. Piano entertainment. Live music and dancing Saturday from 9:30 p.m. Wine shop. Reservations suggested. @, V, MC, AE, DC, CB, D.

◆ 65 Moraga Way
Orinda
253-1322

MEDITERRANEAN

MAGIC GARLIC RESTAURANT

(See Alameda County for complete details).

◆ 2916 N. Main St.
Walnut Creek
938-6868

MEXICAN

HIGH TECH BURRITO

(See Alameda County Mexican listing for complete details).

◆ 202 Sycamore Valley Rd.
West
Danville Livery and Mercantile
Danville
838-2333

◆ 3452 Camino Tassajara
Tassajara Crossing Shopping
Center
Danville
736-7779

◆ 2 Theatre Square
Orinda Theatre Square
Orinda
254-8884

◆ 1815 Ygnacio Valley Rd.
Ygnacio Plaza Shopping Center
Walnut Creek
938-3888

◆ 120 Alamo Plaza
Alamo Plaza Shopping Center
Alamo
820-9006

SEAFOOD

CROGAN'S

Robert Gattis, proprietor. The newest restaurant in Danville at the oldest location, this lively seafood house presents a traditional menu

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like a beautiful
woman with one
eye.'

-Anthele Brillat-Savarin

and handsome decor with a classic sports theme. Located at the historic Danville Hotel, the menu highlights seafood, meat and pasta dishes. Lunch Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. - \$4.95 to \$9.95. Dinner ongoing from 11:30 a.m. - \$4.95 to \$15.95. Sunday brunch 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - \$4.95 to \$8.95. Cocktail lounge open 10 a.m. daily. Entertainment Friday and Saturday and on special occasions. Outdoor dining. Children's menu. Food to go. Catering. @, V, MC, AE.

◆ 411 Hartz Ave.
Danville
855-9300

SCOTT'S

Raymond Gallagher, proprietor. Ford Andrews, manager. This is Scott's second East Bay location. Menu offers a wide variety of food with fresh fish specials daily. A good selection of excellent dishes. This is actually two restaurants in one with an outdoor cafe available for lighter fare. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11 p.m. Sunday 3 to 9 p.m. - \$12 to \$18.95. Sunday Champagne Buffet Brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - \$22.95 adults \$12.95 children. Live music during Sunday brunch. Piano entertainment nightly. Scott's garden available for special events. Banquets, private parties and catering. Free valet parking. @, V, MC, AE, DC, CB, D.

◆ 1333 California Blvd.
Walnut Creek

"Laughter is
brightest
where food
is best."

- Irish proverb

Party Anyone?

Caterers

If you are planning a party and don't want to cook, here is a list of caterers and restaurants that offer catering that can help:

AMERICAN

Diggery Inn
Ice Creamery
TGI Fridays

CHINESE

Long Life Vegi
Rencee's Place
Silver Palace

CONTINENTAL

Overland House

CAJUN

Gingerbread House

FRENCH

Crepes a go go

INTERNATIONAL

Happy Belly Cafe
Nobel Pies

ITALIAN

Filippo's
Mangia Mangia
Salute Ristorante
Zza's

MALAYSIAN

Rasa Sayang

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SPECIALTY

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Banquet Facilities

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Alameda County

AMERICAN

Buttercup Kitchen
Shenanigan's
Terrace Room



BRAZILIAN

385 Colusa

CALIFORNIA

Solano Grill & Bar

CHINESE

Shangri-La

Silver Palace

CONTINENTAL

Fat Lady

Overland House

CAJUN

Gingerbread House

FRENCH

Thornhill Cafe

ITALIAN

Cesare's

Enzo's

Old Spaghetti Factory

Salute Ristorante

Zza's

MEDITERRANEAN

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MARKET HALL CATERER'S MARINATED MUSHROOM APPETIZER

1 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup lemon juice
2 cups water
4 cloves of garlic
3 tbsp. salt (preferably Kosher)
2 bay leaves
1 tbsp. black peppercorns
1 tbsp. coriander seed

Bring the liquids and spices to a boil in a non-corrosive saucepan. Add mushrooms. Reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes. Cool in marinade. Add the chopped zest of one lemon and a little chopped red bell pepper for color and crunch.

Serves six to eight.



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Sara Wilson of Rockridge Market Hall shares the marinated mushroom appetizer that is available in the Pasta Shop and prepared by Market Hall Caterers.

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